

Last Foreign Vessel To Leave Shanghai

Shanghai Hospital Conditions

Dr. N. Antonoff-Beale, one of the Shanghai's best-known medical practitioners and the wife of Mr. N. G. Beale, Managing Director of the British General Electric Company in Shanghai, has arrived in the Colony on her way to the United States.

Dr. Antonoff-Beale, who did much for the medical care of Allied nationals during the Japanese occupation of Shanghai, was connected with the General Hospital, Country Hospital and the Russian Hospital in that city, specializing in surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics.

A long-time resident of Shanghai, Dr. Antonoff-Beale stated yesterday that there were fewer foreign patients in the Shanghai hospitals at present owing to the general exodus which had been taking place since the Chinese Communists crossed the Yangtze.

She said that, due to the mass evacuation of White Russians to Siam and to the departure of others to Australia and South America, the Russian Hospital in Run, Maresca had closed down.

Many foreign doctors, Dr. Antonoff-Beale added, had left Shanghai because of the inflation of the currency and the impossibility of carrying on their practices.

Hospital charges, she said, were extremely high and medicine was hard to obtain. There was also a shortage of nurses. Food for the hospitals was difficult to buy.

Dr. Antonoff-Beale said that most of the Chinese hospitals and the missionary-operated hospitals were filled with Chinese refugees, who had fled to Shanghai from the war zones.

Mr. Beale is remaining in Shanghai to look after the interests of his firm and she, as a woman, had taken the opportunity to leave the city temporarily in order to study the latest American medical methods during the danger period.

She stated that she hoped to return to Shanghai when conditions permitted the resumption of her medical practice there.

CHOIR RECITAL

The monthly recital by members of the All Saints Chinese Choir will take place at St. Andrew's Church at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday. A collection in aid of the Organ Fund will be taken.

Mr. David Leigh, the Choir conductor, has arranged for Miss Lily Leigh, Miss K. M. Der (soprano soloists) and Miss Esther Young and Master P. H. Young (piano accompanists) to take part in the recital.

The programme, to be presented, follows:—

Hear My Prayer (Mendelssohn), Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn), Joyful Easterday (arr. by G. Cooke), Seek ye the Lord (Mendelssohn), I am Alpha (J. Stainer), The voice in the wilderness (J. P. Scott) and Give thanks to the Lord (C. Harris).



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Believed to be the last foreign ship to leave Shanghai Harbour, the British steamer **Shangkong** arrived here yesterday with more than 200 evacuees, including 21 Europeans.

The veteran Chinese coaster sailed down the Whangpoo River channel in the wake of heavy but distant gunfire, arrivals said when disembarking at the Custodian Wharf.

Reports at Amoy and Swatow that the Shangkong was fired on by Red artillery as she was coming down the estuary were categorically denied by the ship's personnel.

"It is just sheer nonsense," they said.

According to several evacuees, mostly businessmen bringing down their families to seek temporary refuge in the colony, vessels were instructed to clear out of the Harbour before May 14.

"It was thought then that the channel might be dangerous to shipping when the Red forces broke through the city's defence line," they declared.

Nationalist planes were very busy over Shanghai. The channel was being patrolled by several gunboats.

"When we left, there was talk that the Red advance units had broken through Pootung. Gunfire was audible."

Getting Worse

"The firing seemed to increase in intensity, but I could not say from which side. It might be the Nationalists' retaliation," a passenger stated.

The Shangkong left Shanghai for Keelung and South Korea before coming down South.

Butterfield and Swire, owners of the ship, are now considering whether to continue plying on the same route with Shanghai as a port of call.

Foreign evacuees who disembarked included:

J. J. Brisco, D. L. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Anette, K. G. Rice, R. D. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. A. Vane, Mrs. Wimblish, Mrs. House, Miss I. Ginter, Miss England, A. W. Macdonald, Capt. MacKenzie, C. N. Theobald, N. C. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Astum Khan, and Mr. Salpur Son Of Gul.

Influx From Canton

About 2,000 passengers arrived here yesterday from Canton by four river vessels.

The same craft took 1,300 persons when they left on May 10, for the Kwangtung capital.

The British vessel **Fatshan** brought the most—387 passengers—with the Canadian-built aluminium river motorship, **Luna Men**, ranking next highest with 365.

The **Sing Hing** had 186 passengers yesterday, 71 less than the number she took up.

The **Kam Sing** disembarked 80 passengers.

Chinese Tenor Now In The Colony

One of the best known Chinese tenor vocalists, who is now in the Colony, is **Mr. Jamson Wong**, an overseas Chinese from Medan, Sumatra. Mr. Wong received his musical training at the Chinese Conservatory of Music in Shanghai. He graduated from the Conservatory in 1944.

Between 1947 and 1948, he had led the Chinese Musicians' Goodwill Mission on a musical tour of China and Malaya where his name is not new to music-lovers.

It was in those years that his rich tenor voice was welcomed and heard by thousands in almost every large city throughout China, including remote places in Singkiang and Ninghsia provinces.

Today, apart from being an honorary advisor to the Shanghai and Lanchow Music Societies, the 30-year-old lyric tenor, is connected with the Kowloon Chinese YMCA where he is trying to organize all the refugee musicians from China.

Mr. Wong is very optimistic about the future of Chinese musical culture. He believed China has numerous talented musicians who could produce marvelous works if they receive the proper kind of attention from both the Chinese government and public.

"Musicians," Mr. Wong said, "must offer themselves to music and its art."

"Therefore, there must be no doubt as to which political party a musician should offer his service."

He also said that music is created for human beings. Today, however, it seems music is only enjoyed by a certain type of people.

"Many times my friends in North China tried to urge me to go to Peiping where opportunities and good prospects are awaiting me."

"I think this is very unfair to the 'art' of music," Mr. Wong added.

He said that a musician should not choose a particular kind of people to whom he is going to present his music.

Mr. Wong, optimistic about Chinese music, is presently concentrating on Chinese folk songs. He said these songs are understandable by most Chinese.

Together with some other musicians, Mr. Wong will give a

Wife Sues Husband For Maintenance

An order was made by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday for Frederick Arthur Ewins to pay his wife \$400 a month to support her and her two children.

Ewins was summoned for failing to provide maintenance for his wife, Eileen Ewins, and her two children.

Defendant said that he is drawing a salary of \$800 per month. They were married in Shanghai in 1933.

The magistrate advised the couple to try and forget their grievances and stay together. The wife said that it was impossible and wanted her husband to provide her with maintenance.

Defendant was formerly in the police force in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

FIANCEES OF GI'S

The American Consulate-General at Hong Kong announced that a notification has been received from the Department of State, Washington, DC, that the GI Fiancees Act has been extended until September 21, 1949, for fiancées of American veterans who made their applications before December 31, 1948.

The law extending the GI Fiancees Act requires that the American citizen has personally met his fiancée or her fiancé.

It is not necessary that application for a visa was made before December 31, 1948, but it is sufficient that the alien fiancée or the American citizen has told the consular officer before midnight, December 31, 1948 that the fiancée desires to go to the United States under the GI Fiancees Act.

All persons who are concerned by the extension of this Act should come into the American Consulate-General for further information.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club, Ladies Day, at the Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club, Ladies Night, Chinese Bankers' Club, Bank of East Asia Building, 7.30 p.m.
HK and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., annual meeting, Room 308, Queen's Bldg., 12 noon.
HK Union Church Ladies' Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.
Open Athletic Meeting, SCAA, Carrollus Hill, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Women's Home-nursing demonstration, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10.40 a.m.
Gala and Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Warrant Officers & Sergeants of Hong Kong Garrison, Grand opening of Mess, Queen's Road, East, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
Soccer matches, First and Second Division.
League Lawn Bowls matches at all clubs.

SUNDAY
Toc H Class classical concert, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry pier, 2.30 p.m.
Recital by All Saints' Chinese Choir, St. Andrew's Church, 8.30 p.m.

New Laws Passed

Four new ordinances were added to the Colony's statute book yesterday by the Legislature.

The Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance 1932, a reprint of which was published in the Gazette of May 13, 1949, amending the recommendations of the standing law committee, passed the second and third reading without amendment.

The Indecent Publication and Obscene Publications (Consolidation) Ordinance 1949, which increases the penalty from HK\$200 to HK\$5,000 upon conviction, was likewise passed without amendment.

The Public Health (Sanitation) Amendment Ordinance 1949, was passed with the addition of dry-cleaning establishments to the list of establishments to be subject to control by the Urban Council.

The remaining ordinance to be passed was the Education Amendment Ordinance 1949.

Golf Clubs Thief Gaoled

Li Wan, unemployed, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour at Central yesterday for stealing a golf bag and 12 clubs.

Inspector Saul, prosecuting, said that on April 26, Mr. Deha Hazel packed his car in front of the Cathay Theatre. On returning he found that the back window of his car had been broken and his golf bag and golf clubs stolen.

Defendant was arrested on May 4.

A Chinese woman, Cheung Ho, charged with receiving the stolen property, was discharged due to insufficient evidence.

Sailor Discharged

Mok Luk-kan, a Chinese sailor attached to HMS Tamar, was discharged by Mr. J. Wicks when the case against 14 hotel runners and Mok, charged with obstruction by loitering, continued at Kowloon yesterday.

Divisional Superintendent R. Haig-Brown conducted the case for the prosecution. Defendants were represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford.

It was alleged that on April 23, several hundred people crowded in front of the Kowloon Godown Wharf gate number two, occupying the footpath and the road.

Defendants were arrested when the area was cordoned off by policemen with ropes. The case was adjourned to May 31.

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Provision for investing Government with this power was contained in the War Damaged Sites Ordinance 1949 which received its first reading in the Legislative Council yesterday.

Dishonest Servant Sentenced

A Chinese servant who was found guilty of stealing a gold finger ring studded with rubies and diamonds from his master, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Defendant, Wong Mun-kei, aged 25, was employed by Mr. Willard, T. Goodwin between February 2 and April 4.

Detective Sub-Inspector A. Baggett told the court that the ring was last seen on February 19 in the master's wardrobe trunk. The ring was found after tracing through three jewellers.

Defendant was recommended for banishment.

Banishes Get Hard Labour

Two life banishes who pleaded guilty to breach of deportation order before Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, were given hard labour sentences.

Tse Ming, alias Tse Fong, found in the Colony on March 27, after having been banished for life on September 21 last year, was given three years hard labour. Tse admitted a number of previous convictions.

A four-year hard labour term was imposed on Lau Tak, alias Lau Kai-wah, alias Tsoi Tak, alias Lau Fat, alias Lau Tet, Lau, who had a record involving three burglaries and five breaches of deportation order, was found in Hong Kong on April 24 after having been banished for life on October 23, 1947.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, conducted the prosecution.

GAMBLERS FINED

Wong Cheung, aged 30, was fined HK\$200 by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for keeping a gambling stall at a side line of Kau U Fong.

He was arrested together with 17 other gamblers on May 17 during a police raid. A total of HK\$69.40 and a set of "pai kau" (Chinese dominoes) were seized by the police.

The 17 gamblers with the exception of three who jumped bail, were fined HK\$416.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable from the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all entry fees.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be sold at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Home provided they are ordered in advance from the Box Office (Tel. 27118).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is included for all persons including ladies, and is \$2 at the Gate.

Members and guests, etc., will not be permitted to enter the Public Enclosure of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

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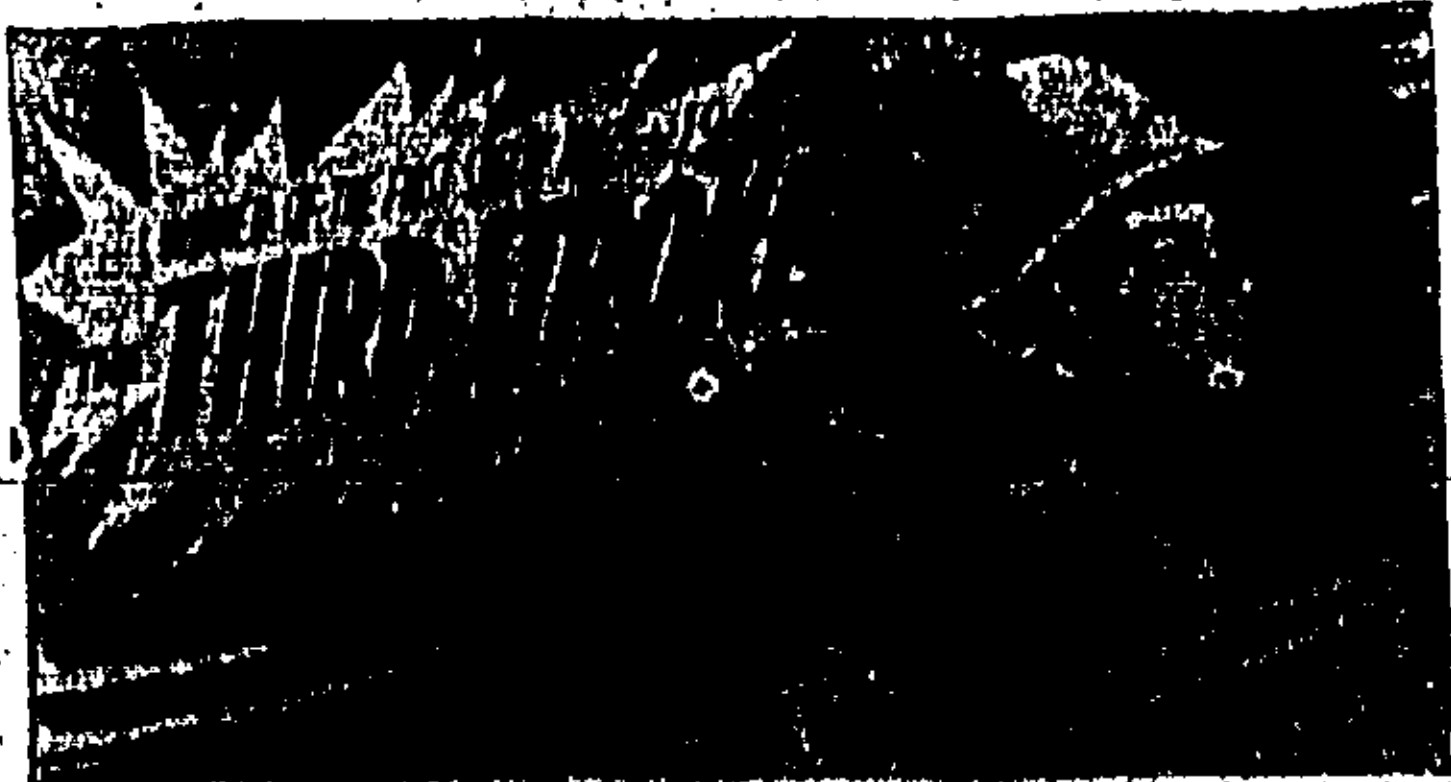
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**BEEL'S RESIGNATION:
REPERCUSSION FEARS**

The Hague, May 17.

The Dutch Government regrets the resignation of Dr. J. M. Beel from his post as representative of the Dutch Crown in Indonesia because of the reactions it may have in Indonesia.

The Overseas Minister, Mr. J. H. Van Maarseveen, told the second Chamber this today.

**INDIAN
STAND
ON JAPAN**

Washington, May 17.
Well-informed sources expect India to approve the United States action in halting all further Allied reparations from Japan.

While Indian officials have not yet heard from New Delhi on this subject, they believe that their Government will be in accord with the United States. They point out that India has in the past been insistent that she receive her just share of reparations if they are to be extracted but had not been determined that such economic penalties be levied.

The Indian officials believe their Government is convinced that the United States is correct in asserting that the Japanese must be left all remaining industry in order to be economically independent of the United States and able to make her proper contribution to the Far Eastern economy.—United Press.

**COSTELLO SAID
TOO MUCH**

London, May 17.
Lord Vansittart, former diplomatic adviser to the British Government, protested in the House of Lords today against the "abusive and even threatening" language used about Britain last week by Mr. John Costello, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland.

In the Hall on Monday, May 9, Mr. Costello accused the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, or some of his colleagues of "stupidity" and trying to use Ireland as a pawn in the party political game in Britain.

Lord Vansittart complained of discourtesy. "Why should we be talked to like that by anybody about anything?" he asked.

Lord Addison, Leader of the House, replied that the British Government thinks that no useful purpose can be served by entering into recriminations.—Reuter.

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BREAK DOWN**

Haifa, May 17.

After nearly seven weeks of fruitless negotiations, the Syrian-Israeli armistice talks ended today in failure.

The talks were suspended indefinitely until and if further proposals for negotiation are made by the former Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.

The head of the Israeli delegation, Colonel Maklef, said tonight that a previous proposal by Dr. Bunche was not acceptable because it was interpreted differently by both sides.

The Israelis insist that the Syrians withdraw from Palestinian territory to the old international border while the Syrians insist on having their forces stationed in the disputed frontier area.

Competent quarters in Damascus said tonight that any resumption of the Israeli-Syrian talks will depend on what Dr. Bunche has to say after M. Henri Vigier, the United Nations Political Adviser, has reported to him at the United Nations.

M. Vigier said in Damascus today that most of the difficulties in the negotiations arose from the fact that both parties, convinced that they had not suffered defeat, claim the right to stand on their positions.

On Wednesday, Israel and Syrian officers will meet, however, to exchange prisoners of war.

An earlier United Nations proposal for a Syrian-Israeli armistice, foresees a broad no-man's-land in the disputed frontier area partly on Jewish territory.

Jewish sources contend that the creation of such a no-man's-land would re-establish war conditions in the area where a normal civil administration is already working.

The Israelis may, however, have agreed on such a compromise solution if it would have automatically implied the withdrawal by

all Syrian forces beyond the Syrian-Israeli international boundary.

This, however, was rejected by the Syrians who insisted on having at least military outposts in the disputed frontier area including a small part of Israeli political territory occupied by the Syrians during the past Palestine war.

Today's new development is not causing nervousness here and it is apparently not believed that the temporary armistice negotiations will break down, thus increasing the possibilities of reopening armed conflict although the long and reporting of several Middle-East Arab radio stations in the last few days has been less conciliatory and more violent than in the past months.

Later today, an Israel Foreign Office spokesman said to the Associated Press: "No Israel-Syrian armistice agreement of any sort will be signed as long as it will leave a single soldier on any spot on the Israeli side of the border."

—Reuter and Associated Press.

CREW SAVED

St. John's, May 17.
The crew of the sailing vessel Uronick, drifting during the night

aboard and laden with 500 gallons of petrol, are now safe aboard the cable ship Lord Kelvin. The crew abandoned the Uronick in the mouth of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland.

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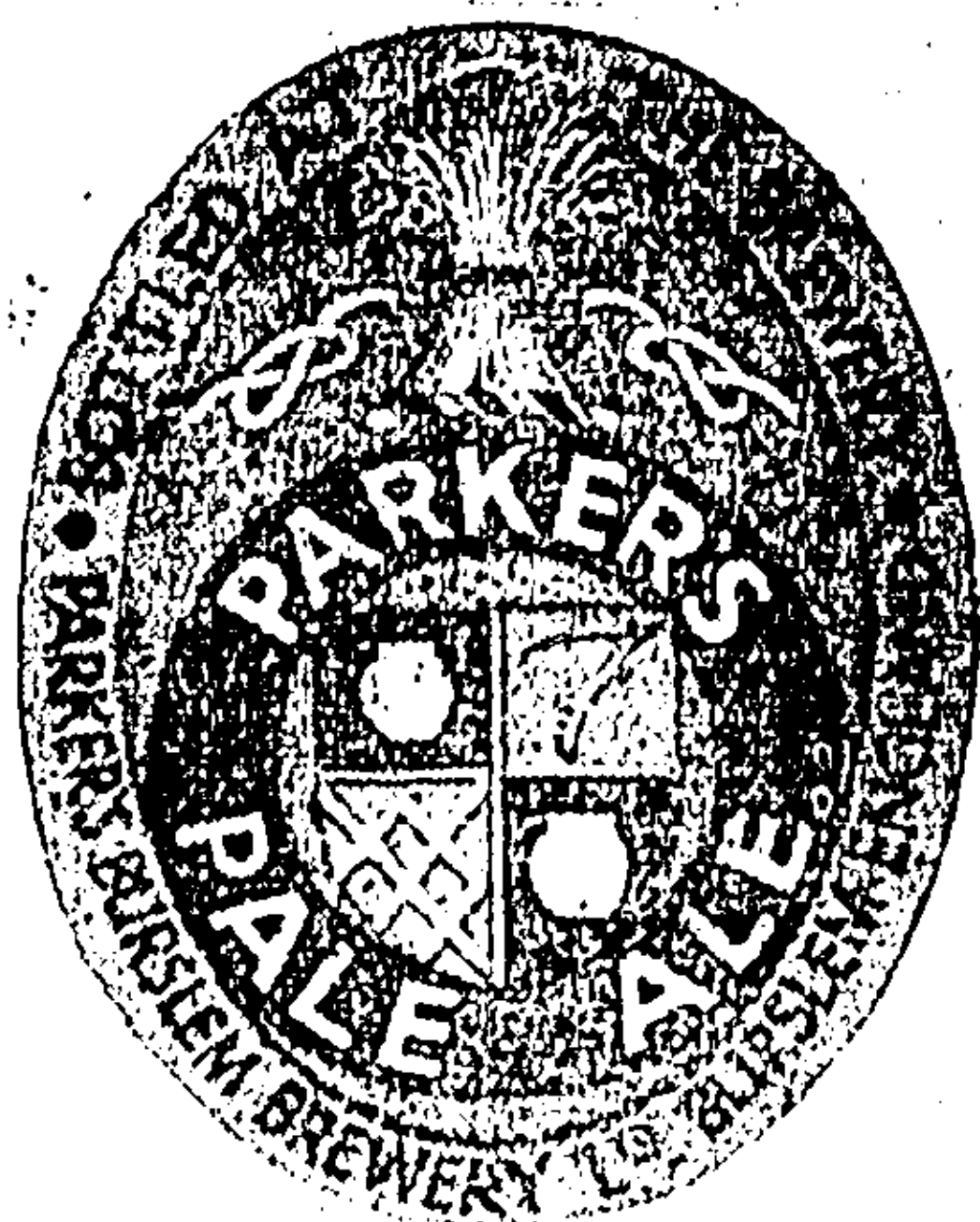
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"The Paris conference will decide our fate—your fate and that of our children," he said.

Italian Farmers On Strike

Bologna, May 17.

A woman was killed and several persons injured in a fight today between farm workers at Modigliana, near Bologna.

Rioting broke out between farm workers affiliated to the Communist-led General Labour Confederation and others belonging to the "free" non-Communist General Labour Confederation.

Union officials are meeting in Rome to seek some agreement to avert a threatened general strike in Italian agriculture.

The strike was called for yesterday morning after negotiations for more pay had broken down. A last-minute postponement was obtained for further negotiations.

But unofficial strikes are reported today from several Northern areas. The anti-Communist union is boycotting the strike, condemning it as a "Communist political manoeuvre."—Reuter.

Britain Asks Czech's Recall

London, May 17.

Britain has demanded the recall of a Czechoslovak Embassy official in London, following the withdrawal, on the insistence of the Czechoslovak Government, of a British Embassy official in Prague. A Foreign Office spokesman announced tonight.

On May 13, the Czechoslovak Ambassador in London, M. Bohuslav Kratochvil, was asked to call at the Foreign Office where he was informed that, following the withdrawal of Mr. W. D. Knott, a junior commercial official of the British Embassy in Prague, the British Government desired the recall of M. Karel First, a junior commercial official of the Czechoslovak Embassy in London.

This decision is being considered by the Czechoslovak Embassy. —Reuter.

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"Eastern zone states had become so-called 'popular democracies'. Dr. Adenauer said, 'which meant that there is no democracy there'. When Russia told Western Germany to co-operate with them for the sake of unity, he thought of the immense difference between life in the Western zones and in the East."

"German Land"

"No German who loves his Fatherland will ever recognise the Oder-Neisse Line as its frontier (the Polish frontier was extended Eastwards to this line after the war)."

"The land beyond those rivers is German land. That land will return to us one day. Let us never lose faith in that."

"There has been talk of a withdrawal of occupation troops from Germany. In that case the heavily armed Eastern zone police force must go first."

Dr. Adenauer continued: "The demands we Germans have to present to the Paris conference will be in the common interest of Europe."

"If the Marshall Plan ends one day—and it cannot last forever—Germany will be unable to exist separately."

Common Path

"European civilisation can only be saved if we find a common path with the other peoples of Europe. If Europe continues to wound herself, she will fall victim to Communism and become an appendage of Asia."

"Another war between France and Germany is unthinkable with present day weapons. If those Frenchmen who still fear Germany were to come here amongst us, they would see that we do not dream of new conflict."

"I hope that Strasbourg, the capital of the European Union, will become a symbol of the understanding between our two peoples," Dr. Adenauer said. —Reuter.

State "Pubs" For Britain

London, May 17.

A Bill to put all the inns and "pubs" of new towns in Britain under State management—described by the Opposition as a first step towards the nationalisation of the brewery trade—was passed by the House of Commons tonight.

An Opposition amendment to reject the Bill, which was supported by Mr. Winston Churchill and other Conservative leaders, was defeated by 305 votes to 187.—Reuter.

Russian Request For Canal

Berlin, May 17.

A Soviet sector German transport official arrived at the Teltow Canal shipyards in the American sector of Berlin today and demanded restoration of control over all the Canal assets in the sector.

The Teltow Canal is partly in the Soviet zone and partly in the American sector and the Soviet sector of Berlin.

The complicated question of ownership and control has never been fully clarified.

An American spokesman said that as the Soviet sector official had gone back he is not going to do anything about it for the present.

If the Soviet zone Economic Commission makes a formal demand he will consider what action to take, he added.

On May 4 last, Soviet sector officials tried to get control over the American part of the Canal by depositing the local manager, Albert Ohl, and replacing him by one of their own nominees.

West Berlin police, however, brought Ohl back two days later and the Soviet sector nominee, Herr Schultz, returned quietly.—Reuter.

AGREEMENT ON GERMAN TRADE

Berlin, May 17.

Agreement on the exchange of goods between Western and Eastern Germany was reached by German experts from the Eastern and Western zones today.

A communiqué, published by the Soviet-licensed German news agency A.D.N., said: "Both sides agree that the interests of German economy inter-zonal trade is already possible."

The communiqué specified that goods already paid for which are stored either in Western or Eastern Germany will not be hindered, receive bills of lading.

"Pending the establishment of clearing accounts, individual transactions will not be hindered," it said.

Complete secrecy has surrounded the talks, which opened yesterday.—Reuter.

Bridgeport, Connecticut, May 18.

General Electric Company announced reductions ranging from US\$9.25 to US\$10.25 in prices of its household refrigerators.—Associated Press.



As huge clouds of dense black smoke drift slowly skyward, firemen tackle the blaze which broke out at a rubber tyre dump at Stratford, East London. The dump was 10 feet high and its sides were 100 feet by 60 feet. The fire was only separated from a nearby gasworks by a few feet of canal water, and when the heat and smoke started to blister paintwork at the side of the gasworks, engineers deflated one of the gasometers. As a result of the fire a thick pall of smoke hung over Stratford for several hours.—(AP Photo).

COMMUNISTS DAZED BY ELECTION RESULT

Berlin, May 17.

The most solid "no" ever registered against Communism in a Russia-dominated land was voiced today when more than 4,000,000 Germans within the Soviet orbit voted against Communist-picked candidates.

The vote exploded any Russian dream of carrying into the Big Four meetings next week any impressive semblance of German support for their politics.

The election was to choose 2,000 candidates to a "people's congress" which would in turn elect a government for Eastern Germany.

All candidates were carefully screened by the Communists and pardons were handed out to former Nazis in order to bring about a giant vote for these candidates.

Russian calculations went awry. In spite of the pardons, pressure, Communist cajoling and propaganda, only 7,943,949 of the 13,533,071—about 58.2 per cent—eligible who voted returned "yes" and 4,080,272 voted "no."

This meant that 33.9 per cent defied the Communists while 66.1 per cent voted for the Communist-picked candidates. And the 66.1 per cent "yes" votes included more than 800,000 invalid votes. Figures were released by the Soviet Zone Election Bureau.

"Double-Crossers"

Communists were dazed by results. The Russian Army mouth-piece "Pravda" (Daily Review) railed editorially today against "double-crossers" and "victims of lying propaganda."

Western Germans building their own Government at Bonn were elated. They proclaimed that the defeat for Communism probably was even worse than that officially reported.

Procedures for the first free elections since Hitler, were approved tentatively today by British, French and American officials. Popular voting is expected to follow state ratification expected in July.

Completion of the count later showed that the Russian sector of Berlin was even more lukewarm towards the Communists.

Rangoon Claims A Victory

Rangoon, May 17.

Burmese Government forces today routed 1,200 rebels who attacked with mortar and machine-gun support, strong-points West of the Government headquarters at Meiktila, the North Burma Army Radio claimed tonight.

The broadest said aircraft bombed and strafed rebel concentrations, East and West of Meiktila, scoring direct hits on their forward headquarters.

Other Government aircraft, in diversion raids on the Karen stronghold at Toungoo, fired an ammunition dump.

Other planes strafed Karen parading before barracks in the Thandung area East of Toungoo, the Radio added.

While the Communists are reported to be surrendering their arms in face of the large Government offensive in South East Burma, the Government communiqué said tonight.

It claimed the capture of an important rebel stronghold near the Karen States capital of Lolkaw.—Reuter.

WARNING FROM BENGHAZI

Benghazi, May 17.

Salah Buesir, president of the Benghazi Independent Youth Organisation, warned today that violence would result from any attempt to return Tripolitania to Italian rule under United Nations trusteeship.

Mr. Buesir, cable warnings to the UN secretary general, Mr. Trygve Lie, and to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza.—United Press.

ALL NOT WELL IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, May 17.

A shortage of money is throttling the West German economy, according to a report to the United States and British Military Governors which has been drawn up by the Allied Joint Committee on economic trends.

The report reflects the views of a number of American and British economists in leading official positions here. But, as some important financial experts hold an opposite view, it represents one move in a controversy rather than the final word.

It declares that the favourable figures of the official production index are no longer truly representative, that non-seasonal unemployment is increasing at an accelerating pace, and that the shortage of marks prevents Bizonia accepting Marshall aid imports which are offered free of dollar cost.

The report admits that part of the rise in unemployment during the winter was due to seasonal causes, but it stresses that during the first half of April, when seasonal unemployment should have fallen by some 100,000, total unemployment actually increased by 40,000, indicating a gathering momentum in the growth of non-seasonal unemployment.

This view is strengthened by the fact that, for the first time, the bulk of the new unemployment, came from the heavy industrial North-Rhine-Westphalia areas.

The effect of the shortage of funds is illustrated by the Bizonia's inability to accept more than \$100 million worth of Allied-financed imports (Marshall aid, food and other necessities paid by Anglo-American funds) during March. Available aid would have allowed it to import at the rate of \$105 million per month.—Reuter.

PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE

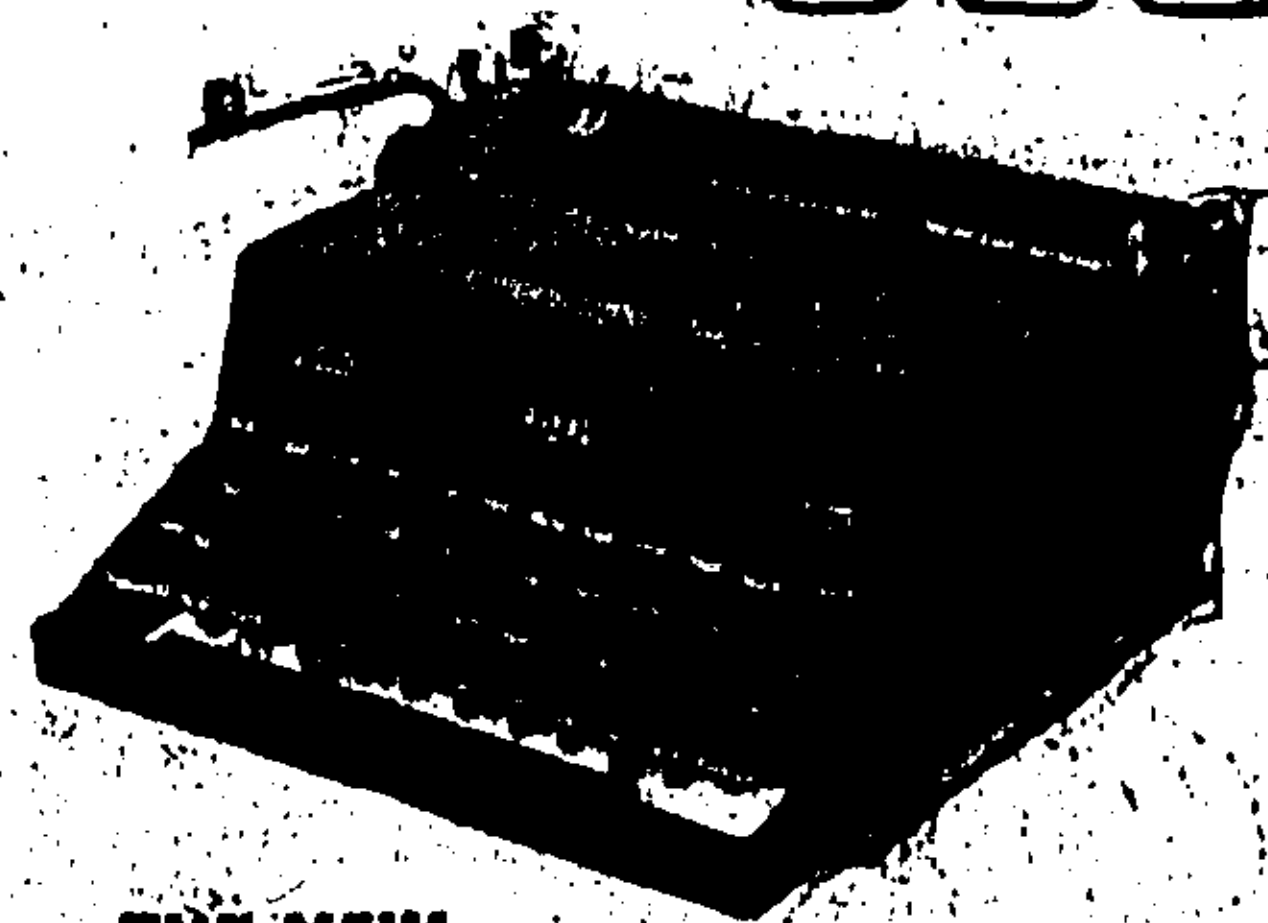
Paris, May 17.

A pilgrim, Henri Moiz, aged 80, left his home in a little village near Jaleux, Normandy, today to go on foot to Lourdes, Padua and Rome.

The object of his pilgrimage, he said, is to obtain peace for the world, and the liberation of the bishops and priests detained in political camps and prisons.—Reuter.

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Evacuees From Shanghai



Here are some of the inmates of the Chatham Road Evacuation Centre in Kowloon. They were evacuated from Shanghai.—"China Mail" Photo.

Burma Worried Over China Developments

C-IN-C, FELP IN BRITAIN

London, May 17. General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, arrived at London Airport today to attend "Exercise Britannia". He would make no comment about the Far Eastern situation.

He was met at the Airport by Major-General Harold Redman, his former Chief of Staff in Singapore.

"Exercise Britannia" will take the form of a study by British senior officials of the whole problem of civil defence. It will be attended by the heads of the three Services in Britain and the Dominions, and by representatives of heavily-bombed cities.—Reuter.

Rangoon, May 17. The Burma Government is watching the rapid developments in China, the Burmese Foreign Minister, U.E. Maung said today. The Foreign Minister said: "What China does with itself is none of our business but the danger is that the trouble may not stop there."

The developments in China have been so rapid that it is difficult to forecast what is ahead but dangers exist and it is the realisation of these external dangers that led Burma to seek Commonwealth aid, he said. "I have no doubt that the Government of Burma could have quelled internal disturbances eventually without outside assistance. But external dangers made it imperative that law and order should be restored by the swiftest possible means," the Foreign Minister said.

He added that he is satisfied with the aid that has been forthcoming so far.

"What we want immediately is not so much planes and tanks but arms and ammunition," he said. In any case, he explained, planes would be bogged down by rains in the coming months. All the aid received will be paid for by Burma "either in kind—through exports of rice, teak or minerals—or in cash," the Minister said.

U.E. Maung said that the Burma aid programme is being worked out by a Council of Ambassadors of Britain, India and Pakistan from data supplied by the Burma Government.

Foreign Investment
"The Ambassadors, as local representatives of their representative Governments, will examine our request and see to what extent we require to be assisted," he added.

On the question of financial aid the Minister said: "We are looking into the matter very carefully. We do not want to saddle ourselves with debts. We will ask for no more than what is barely necessary for rehabilitation."

Other points made by the Foreign Minister:
Burma wants to be friendly with all countries who want to be friendly with her. Her relations with India and Pakistan are excellent. Burma will be prepared to consider defence pacts with India and Pakistan when the occasion arises. Burma will not favour any South East Asian or Pacific pact at present.

Regarding the problem of foreign investments in the country, mainly British and Indian, Burma wants "an amicable settlement with these friendly nations. We do not want them to be dissatisfied and, above all, we do not want to be unjust," he said.—Reuter.

Paris, May 17. The hierarchy of the French Catholic Church today raised a fund by which Catholics can offer the Pope equipment for television broadcasts in time for next year's Holy Year ceremonies in the Vatican.—Reuter.

COMPLICATIONS IN ATLANTIC TREATY

Washington, May 17. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg today urged Congress to make it crystal clear that the Atlantic Pact will not involve the United States in Europe's internal and colonial affairs. He told the United Press that the Foreign Relations Committee, in approving the treaty, should state flatly that:

1. The mutual assistance provisions do not envisage the use of American arms to assist Western Europe in putting down colonial uprisings such as those against the Dutch in Indonesia and against the French in Indo-China.

2. The pact's one-for-all theory does not mean United States intervention in purely internal political uprisings within the boundaries of a participating nation, nor is United States aid contemplated in bolstering a government against efforts by its citizens to change it.

The Republican foreign policy leader made it clear he does not believe the treaty contemplates such activities. But he said some critics of the pact apparently feel it does.

He said: "The report by the committee of Congress has given great weight second only to language of the treaty or bill on which the report is drafted in interpreting what Congress meant in its action."

"Reservations"
Senator Vandenberg indicated that a forthright pronouncement by the committee should go far toward avoiding presentation of "reservations" to the pact which reaches the Senate. Reservations to a treaty sometimes require re-negotiation of an entire agreement.

Several Progressive Party witnesses maintained that the treaty would permit American intervention in political disputes abroad. The Progressive Party spokesman along with those of several other witnesses also insisted that United States arms might be used to perpetuate the colonial systems.

Senator Vandenberg yesterday agreed with Mr. Seymour L. Linfield, representing the Young Progressives of America, that the Administration should give American youth a very definite answer regarding the use of American manpower in any internal uprising in Europe.

The senator said he is convinced the answer would be "no" while witnesses assumed it would be "yes." Senator Vandenberg added: "I agree that we ought to find out."

Article Four
The issue is posed by Article Four of the pact. According to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson's explanation, this provision envisages "constitution by pact powers of any situation anywhere deemed 'to threaten the integrity, independence or security of any party' to the treaty. That presumably could mean a colonial war or an internal upheaval."

The Foreign Relations Committee hopes to finish its public hearings tomorrow, exactly three weeks from the time they opened, today Professor Curtis P. Nettels, of Cornell University, is to testify in opposition to the treaty.—United Press.

ECHO OF 1918 ARMISTICE
Paris, May 17. Louis Sellier, former French Army bugler, who sounded the "cease fire" on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, has died at Bouconne, near Reims, eastern France. He died from influenza.

After the first World War, he received several offers to go to the United States with the bugler who sounded the "cease fire" in the German lines.—Reuter.

PAYING FOR UK FOOD

London, May 17. A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Richard Stokes, urged the Government in the House of Commons today to make representations to Canada to accept Sterling in payment for food exports to Britain.

Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, replied that as Canada is a dollar country and as British purchases from Canada exceed Canadian purchases from Britain, the excess will inevitably be paid for in dollars.

Mr. Stokes said that it is an extraordinary state of affairs that Canada is the only part of the Commonwealth which refuses to accept Sterling.

"What do you propose to do about it? Sooner or later Canada will have to reach her food to America," Mr. Stokes said.

Amid laughter Mr. Jay replied: "The answer is that Canada is in the American continent and that is not the responsibility of the Government."

Mr. Stokes said that in view of the grave situation he will raise the whole question again.—Reuter.

Ireland Bill Passed By Commons

London, May 17. The House of Commons tonight passed a Bill—the Ireland Bill—acknowledging the Republic of Ireland's departure from the Commonwealth, but declaring that Northern Ireland shall remain part of King George's Dominions unless its Parliament decides otherwise.

It also gives effect to the Government's policy that the Republic of Ireland is not a foreign country, and that its citizens will enjoy the rights accorded to Dominion nationals by the British Nationality Act.

The Opposition supported the Government. There was no vote on the third reading. The Bill will now go before the House of Lords.

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, said that if, at any time, the Republic of Ireland declares itself a foreign country, the Government will find the door open. There will be a warm welcome and no questions asked.—Reuter.

STRANG TO TOUR MIDDLE EAST

London, May 17. Sir William Strang, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, leaves London next week-end for a month's tour of Middle East countries. The object of the tour will be to make Sir William familiar with the latest problems in that part of the world.

He will first visit Tripoli where in the past week there have been serious riots by Arabs demonstrating against the Berlin-Stuttgart agreement to place Tripoli under Italian trusteeship from 1931 to 1959.—Reuter.

Bandit Chief Fights It Out

Palermo, May 17. Machine-gun fire splattered the mountainous Montepre area of Sicily today as the maverick bandit Salvatore Giuliano fought it out with some 5,000 police, Carabinieri and troops.

The outlaws under Giuliano, whose strength is not known but who possibly number not more than 100, obstinately held their ambush and sniping tactics, withdrawing and doubling through the cave-dotted hills after each attack.

A bandit, Alfredo Bongiovanni, who was captured by the Government forces yesterday after a "full moon" fight, is being questioned but is said to have refused to reveal any information about the strength or disposition of the 25-year-old bandit leader's forces.—Reuter.

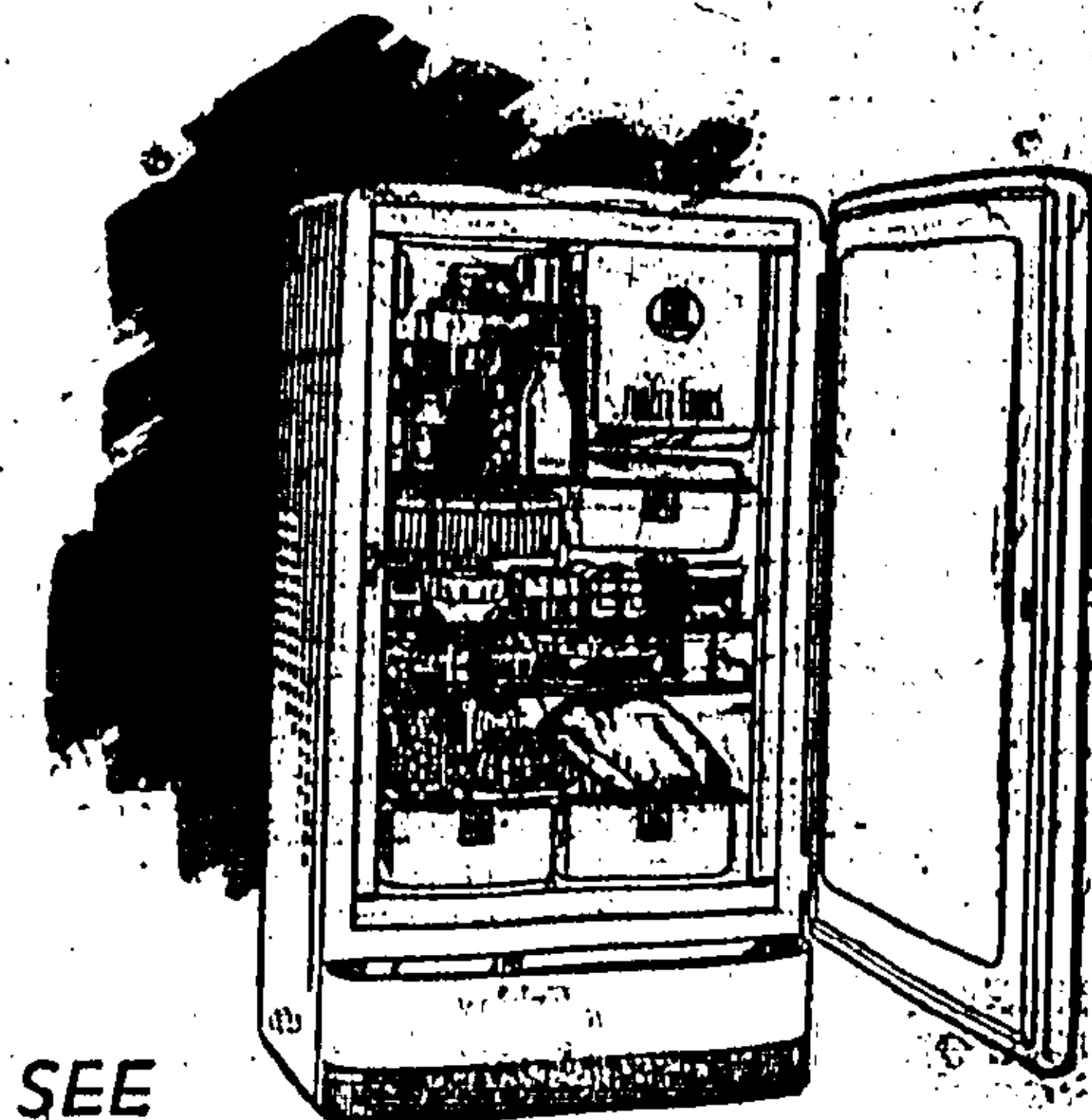
REDS MARCH IN VIENNA

Vienna, May 17. Twenty thousand Austrians, mostly Communists, tonight marched to Vienna City Hall to protest against the Government's proposed wage-price agreement.

The international sector of Vienna was declared out of bounds to all Allied troops, including Russians, to ensure that they would not be involved in the demonstration, which was orderly.

Police forces in Central Vienna had been greatly strengthened and issued with arms.

The Socialist Party is organising a huge counter-demonstration, calling on the people to "keep off the streets." The Austrian Ministry of the Interior warned today that if the Communists try to use violence in their demonstration "they" will be made to feel the full impact of the law.—Reuter.



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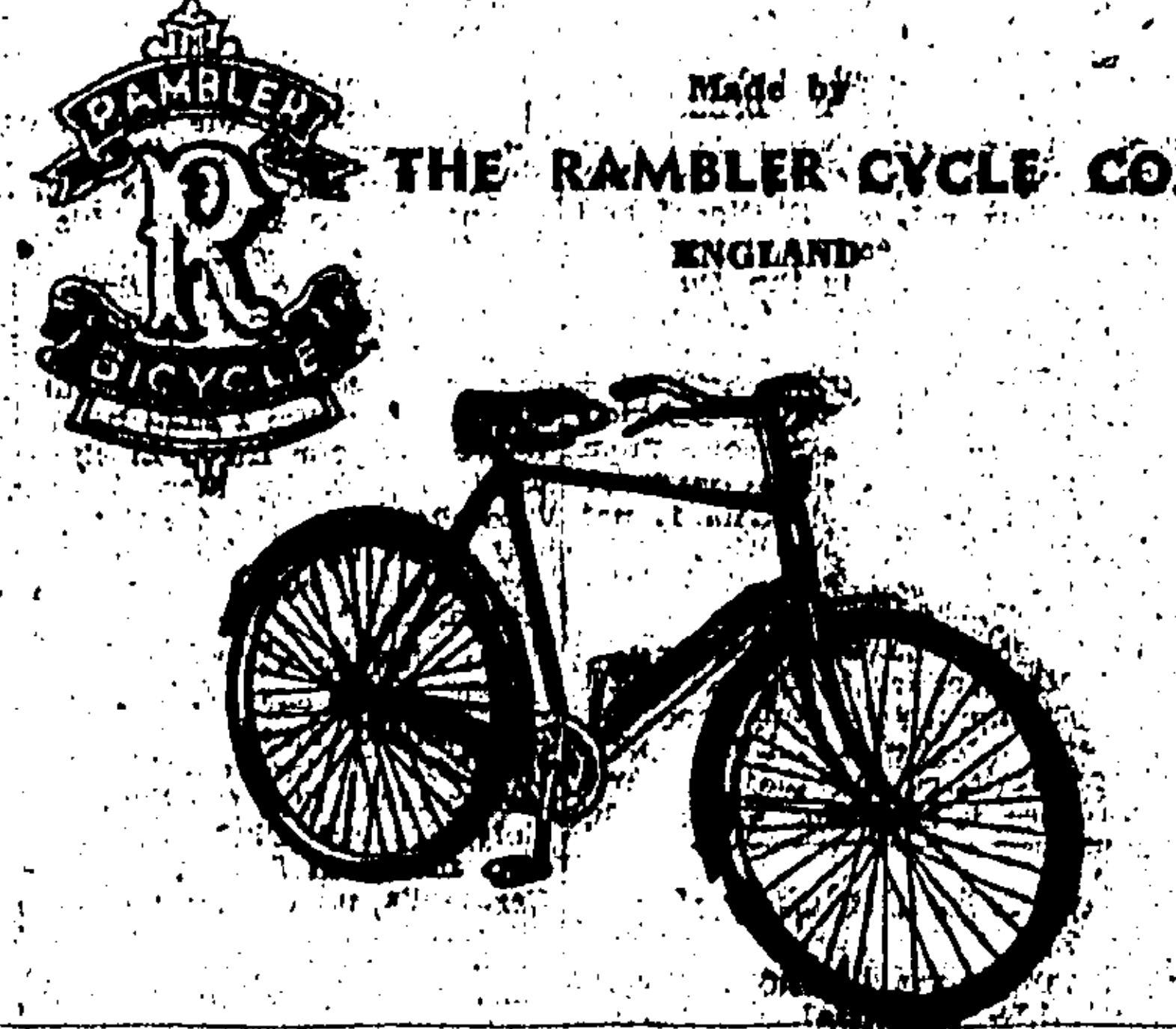
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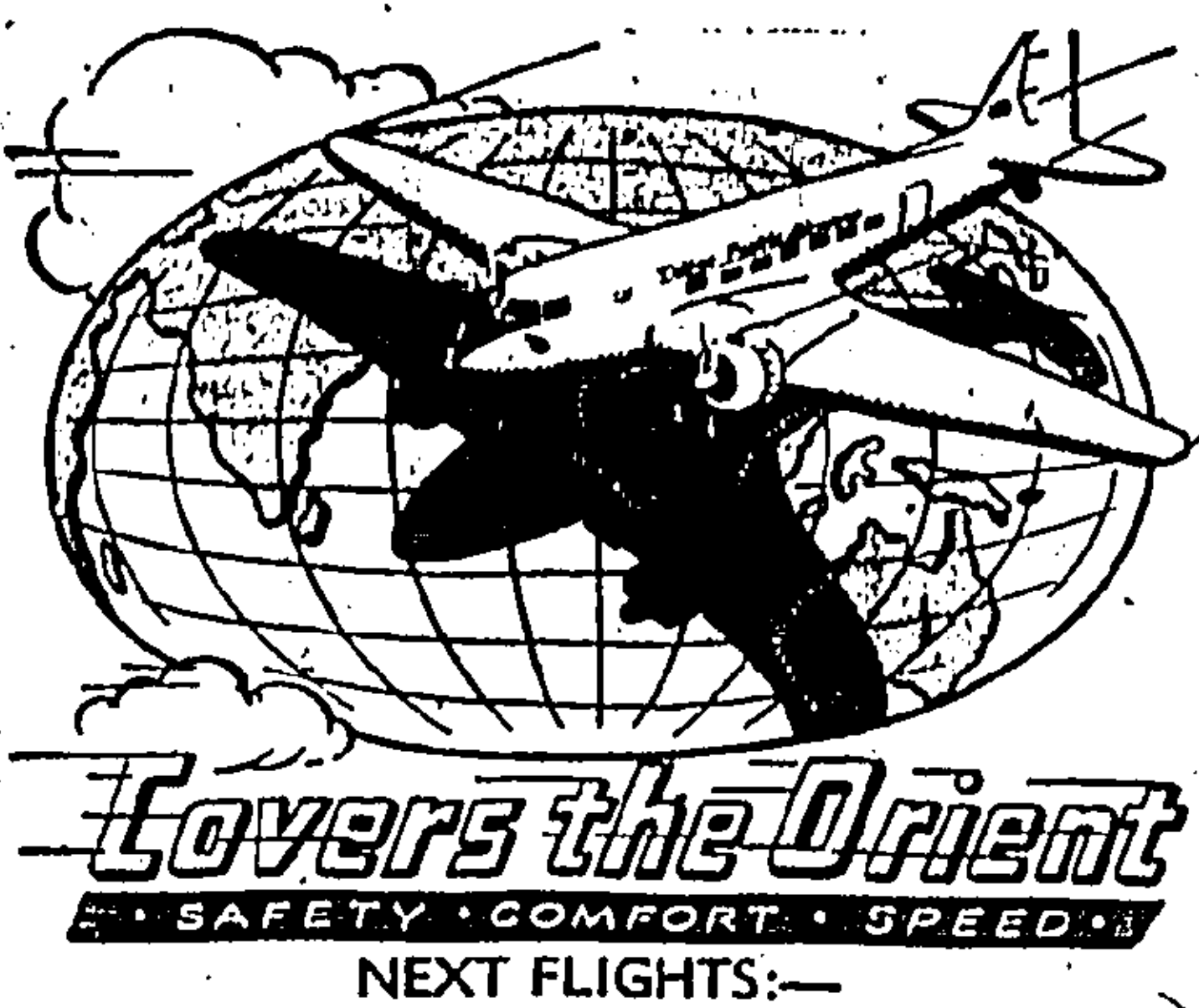
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REQUISITIONING

Government's announcement yesterday that private property on both sides of the harbour is being requisitioned to accommodate the increased Hong Kong garrison will not come as much of a shock to the community at large. Owners of other buildings which are either being kept vacant or put to little use may, however, be expected to give a fair imitation of the beheaded rooster in their attempts to realise on their capital before it is taken off their hands, following the announcement that more premises will be seized when the necessity arises.

It was to be expected that special arrangements would have to be made when a further 8,000 men were sent in one contingent to the Colony. These troops will arrive at the worst time of year, when heavy rains are normal and typhoons can be anticipated. They will require time to become acclimatised—often a difficult process—and it would be most undesirable to make them live under canvas in the potential morass of the New Territories.

The obvious step would have been to rush-up prefabricated encampments, snug and dry, and placed at strategic positions. As in the case of the new airport, however, the authorities apparently see no reason for haste, perhaps for more reasons than one. In peacetime (no matter how lacking in stability) the armed services tend to look down their noses at the makeshift makeshift employed during the war, and to avoid the speeding-up techniques perfected in times of urgency. So whatever semi-permanent camps may be erected, they will take shape in unhurried, dignified fashion. In the meantime, proper quarters are required—thus the requisitioning.

The authorities are going to considerable pains to make this as painless a process as possible, and to inconvenience as few people as they can, although this is not explained in the brief notice issued yesterday. It would have been better to make a full statement of the position, analysing the reasons why each building was taken over. The public will be interested to know whether any of the flashy new dwellings completed since the war to skim off some easy money are on the list. Further, presumably a certain number of tenants will be involved; is alternative accommodation to be found for them; or are they simply to be given an ultimatum?

One does not have to be sympathetic with the landlord class to feel apprehension about the scope and duration of military requisitioning, having seen it in operation, here or elsewhere ever since 1939. Having settled down comfortably in their quarters, the Services are most loath to leave, and can wind the date of their departure in so much red tape that it requires something in the nature of an earthquake to get them out.



After Martyrdom, my predecessors include Archbishop Rost, who hurried the thunderbolt ecclesiastical punishment upon the guilty king himself; Francis Forgacs, the banner-bearer of Catholic Rebirth, the great fighter who valiantly defended the Castle of Nyitra. Another who entered here was George Szechenyi, at the age of ninety-five, a man of great possessions and riches. He was the miracle-man of charity who, with his family and church riches, supported a War of liberation against the Turks. To this Cathedral came Count Imre Esterhazy, who negotiated with brilliant constitutional success the Pragmatic Sanction, the great agreement between the House of Hapsburg and Hungary which brought to our exhausted nation two hundred years of rest and increasing strength up to the brilliant climax of the thousandth anniversary of Hungary. With deep respect I look upon Archbishop Joseph Kopany, who, more than a century ago, raised here, on the ruins of the past, the foremost shrine of the nation in which we can pray now for the better future of our country. I do not come to you with the severity of Archbishop Rost. I want to be your father, a father even to those prodigal sons who have been led astray by the great temptations of these hard times. I cannot yet join the armies of constitutional battles, for we live in a constitutional chaos; the strong chains and delicate threads of legal continuity seem all to have been broken. More than one constitutional factor is missing, but the Primate of the country is already at the place where his predecessors stood. If, with the passing of misfortune, the sanity of the nation succeeds in building a bridge above the rapid I, your Archbishop, Primate and, by the right of more than nine hundred years, senior magnate of the country, will do my part. Pontifex Bridge-Builders, in the reconstruction and progress of Hungary.

Not Wealth

"I do not bring to you the wealth of Szechenyi and Kopany—and yet how useful they would be for this Hungarian nation, poorer and worse despoiled today than in the times of the Turkish oppression! I say this to you without grieving for the loss of mundane treasure, but without recognising as lawful what has happened without legal justification. These earthly possessions of the Church were not amassed for mundane ends, but to help the souls in Purgatory by prayer and the Holy Mass; the sufferers therefore are the living and the important ecclesiastical and cultural aims. In any case, the Church always knew how to be generous towards the understandable life-demands of the Hungarian people. To this the pages of history bear eternal and grateful witness; so also does the glorious success of my predecessors. But if all the greatness of the Vespers bishops who rose to be Primate of Hungary were united in a single successor, it is what I would be, alas, too little in 1945, yes, woefully insufficient! Today we are on the brink of a frightening blind abyss; wounded Hungary is struggling in the greatest moral, constitutional and economic maelstrom of our history. Our psalm is the De Profundis, our prayer the Miserere, our prophet the wailing Jeremiah, our world the Apocalypse; we sit beside the waters of Babylon—and they demand a song from the strings of our broken harps. Our greatest trouble is not that war has burned the king's house and the houses of the people (Jeremiah, XXXIX, 8), as the prophet bewails Jerusalem; that the speller is fallen upon the summer fruits and upon the vintage (Jeremiah, XLVIII, 33), nor that fear and the pit, and the end are in our fate. (Jeremiah,

unless it is absolutely necessary. The current moves are probably essential and unavoidable. We merely hope, first, that requisitioning will not spread to undue proportions, and secondly, that the completion of military camps will before long result in its abandonment.

PART I: "THE PRIMATE OF HUNGARY"

THE MINDSZENTY STORY

Groans Of A Ruined Country BY THE VERY REV. DR. NICHOLAS BOER

XLVIII, 49.) The great trouble is shown by the report of the Chief Medical Officer of our unfortunate capital: more than fifty per cent. of the summer cases of dysentery end in death where children and old people are stricken. This is the result of undernourishment. Infant mortality, tuberculosis have doubled compared to peacetime. Before the war the average number suffering from V.D. was fifty thousand in the whole country; today in Budapest alone there are five times as many. Of the capital we also know that there are about fifty thousand secret prostitutes above the number of the registered. Half of them are under eighteen; seventy to eighty per cent. of these infected and carriers of infection. No one has yet in this country sounded the dirge for our devastated land. We seek and do not find the true Hungarian sorrow. But we can hear the gipsy's fiddle, the song of frantic gaiety. But in 1946, in the land of Hungary, as one of our old songs says: "Music is a liar," for it drowns the ever-present unforgettable truth: the beggarly condition of the country; the groans of prisoners in every part of the world, in prisons at home and abroad, the Hungarians homeless and in exile, and those whose tears wet the rags they use for pillows. With an irresponsible pursuit of pleasure, something quite new is being initiated here: a system of educating youth which is alien to our bodies and souls. A sad youth indeed in this which seems to feel like dancing at the funeral of its own country. Their blood, their language, their names may be Hungarian, but between the unhappy and the revealing Hungary there are whole oceans set; those who do not know what they are doing hold their orgies in the valley of blood and tears, above signs and desolation.

Important Tasks

"As all the dams have burst, the shepherds of souls have the most important tasks. Where moral and revealed law has been shaken, the heart, the deepening religious life means stemming the flood. For more than a quarter of a century I was a parish priest myself. I want to be a god shepherd who, if necessary, will lay down my life for the sheep (John, X, 16), for my Church and for my country. My dear brethren! For five hundred years this nation was a nation of glory; two hundred years it has been a nation of suffering. This twentieth century has made our soil once again a valley of blood and misery. Let us be a nation of prayer. If we learn to pray once again, we shall find strength and confidence. I trust in the prayer campaign of millions and in the rosary my mother gave me, which I intend to arrange the lightest 'Cast not away therefore your confidence' (Hebrews, X, 23). Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. (Hebrews, X, 23). This we shall possess the strength needed for the struggle awaiting us if the Lord Good our Father and Mary, Our Mother help us. I want to be the conscience of my people. I knock at the door of your souls as an appointed watchman; against the prevalent errors I am bound to communicate the eternal truths to my people and to my nation. I wish to awaken the hallowed traditions of our nation without which individuals might live, but not the nation. O'Connell felt the approach of the materialist watchman; against the prevalent errors I am bound to communicate the eternal truths to my people and to my nation. I wish to awaken the hallowed traditions of our nation without which individuals might live, but not the nation. O'Connell felt the approach of the materialist watchman; against the prevalent errors I am bound to communicate the eternal truths to my people and to my nation. I wish to awaken the hallowed traditions of our nation without which individuals might live, but not the nation. 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HK PRESS DELEGATES IN LONDON

London, May 17. The Press delegation from Hong Kong, Fiji and Mauritius, visiting Britain, was received at the Colonial Office today by Mr. David Rees-Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

In welcoming them, Mr. Rees-Williams said: "This is one of our new ideas to bring over our friends to see what is actually happening in Britain today. When you return home, I want you to tell that, although we are a long way from each other, your people are always strongly in our minds and that we are one family."

A lengthy tour has been arranged for the journalists, who will inspect at first hand Britain's industries, agriculture, and social activities.

The delegation includes Mr. Shum Chai-sang, of the "Wah Kiu Yat Po" (The Overseas Chinese Daily News), and Mr. Zee-hui Koon, of the "Kung Sheng Yat Po" (Hong Kong), Mr. Bath Alipate Nauluvu, of "Na Mata" (Fiji Government newspaper), Mr. Gurudayal Sharma ("Shanti Duta," Fiji) and Mr. Anand Beedjath ("Advantage") from Mauritius.

Mr. Shum Chai-sang, aged 29, said he hopes to stay here for about a year to learn the English way of life.

"If I can work with a provincial newspaper for six months or a year, I shall improve my ability and really gain about your country," he said. "Everyone I have met has been very friendly and willing to explain things."—Reuter and Associated Press.

PREMIER OUT OF QUARANTINE

Canberra, May 17. Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, and members of his staff who went with him to London for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference were freed from quarantine surveillance today.

They were ordered into quarantine as smallpox contacts when they arrived in Australia a week ago, because a steward who joined their plane in Karachi was thought to have smallpox.

They were released almost at once from quarantine but placed under the surveillance of the Federal Health Department.

It was later confirmed that the steward was suffering from a mild form of smallpox.

Mr. Chifley and the members of his staff had been vaccinated against smallpox some time before leaving Australia.—Reuter.

NO DUMPING

Paris, May 17. The French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, told the French Economic Commission that there are no fears of any dumping of goods under the Franco-Italian customs union. Adequate safeguards exist against private cartels, he added. The Commission recently adopted a majority report criticising the customs union as representing more inconveniences than advantages in the present economic circumstances.—Reuter.

Eisler Forfeits U.S.\$20,000 Bail

Washington, May 17. The District Court of Washington today declared forfeit the \$20,000 bail deposited by the German Communist fugitive, Gerhart Eisler, who escaped from the United States in the Polish liner Batory.

Eisler was arrested by British police at Southampton on Saturday on a United States request for his extradition. The Washington court also issued a warrant for Eisler's arrest, as a person ineligible for further freedom on bail while the cases against him are pending.

The United States Marshal's Office has ordered Eisler's wife, Brunhilde, and two leading executives of the Olympia-America Line (the owners of the Batory) to appear tomorrow as witnesses before a Federal Grand Jury investigating "subversive activities."

Thirty Polish scientists and scholars have signed a letter and

Flushing, May 17. Opening the final day's debate on the former Italian colonies in the General Assembly, Mr. Drohojowski, of Poland alleged that the Bevin-Sforza agreement is a "stab in the back of the United Nations."

It is a return to the policy of colonialism condemned by the League of Nations and by the Charter of the United Nations, he said.

Mr. Drohojowski said the agreement between the two Foreign Ministers was a surprise. Those two Ministers agreed to divide the colonies as though they were pieces of cotton, he stated.

The Polish delegate said: "They had no regard for the people who live in these areas and did not take consideration of the economic interests of the inhabitants."

The Sforza-Bevin agreement is invalid and all negotiations outside the General Assembly are a breach of faith and contrary to the obligations of the Big Four assumed under the peace treaty, he said.

Mr. Drohojowski added: "We are not naive. We know what the Sforza-Bevin agreement means. We know the United States is using whatever is left of the British prestige to foster their own war aims. We know that Britain must repay her Marshall plan aid."

He referred to the British statements that the United Kingdom's only concern in Africa is to lead the peoples to independence and added: "That's why the British warship, Sheffield, went to Belize in British Honduras, I suppose, to protect the rights of the people and look after their interests. But that does not seem to be the opinion of the people of Guatemala."

"We also know that the United Kingdom and their protectors in Washington were sabotaging the Havana conference to end once and for all European influence in the Western Hemisphere."

Monaco To Peace

Sir Zafullah Khan of Pakistan warned that approval of the Political Committee's resolution would seriously menace peace not only in the area concerned, but in a much wider area.

"If a body of men had sat down to devise a formula which in every respect runs contrary to the wishes of the people they could not have done as well. The proposal displays a cynical disregard of the wishes of the people concerned."

Sir Zafullah drew a parallel between the problem of the colonies and the situation in Palestine.

The colonies plan, he said, is supported by nothing but the interests of the proposed trustees. He then introduced a proposal for the establishment of a seven-member committee to conduct an investigation of the problem and report to the General Assembly in September. This is almost identical with the proposal introduced during the Committee debate by Australia but not voted on.

The Pakistani resolution would allow the President of the General Assembly to make appointments to the Committee.

Russian Charges

"The resolution of the Political Committee invites the General Assembly to embark on a course of injustice. It is something which is bound to result—it has already started in bloodshed, killings and misery. Each of us will be called upon to bear the penalty for the consequences."

The Syrian representative told the United States that its support for the Bevin-Sforza plan for the disposition of the former Italian colonies would mean that American money intended for recovery of Europe would be diverted to ensure the return of Italians and the restoration of the empire destroyed by the war. He criticised the plan as a compromise

between what the Latin American countries had originally wanted for Italy and what they were prepared to accept now.

Mr. Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union repeated charges that the United States and United Kingdom intend to exploit the colonies for their own interests and mostly for strategic and military purposes.

The Bevin-Sforza agreement was forced through the committee by bringing pressure to bear on other delegations, he claimed.

The Latin American countries had their own proposal at the beginning, but shifted to support of the new proposal, "admitting quite openly in sub-committee that this was done under pressure by the United States and United Kingdom," said Mr. Malik. He said this plan was an expression of the "cynical policy" of the United Kingdom and a "parody of justice."

"Military Bases"

Mr. Malik also said the population of Tripoli had rejected attempts of the United States and United Kingdom to "impose their own decision on the future of the territories." He added: "It is no secret that the people of Tripolitania take a favourable view of the Soviet proposal for United Nations trusteeship. They know the Soviet achieved a great moral and political victory, even though the United States and Britain rejected our proposals."

Britain and America want to turn the territories into military bases, while Russia's proposal would mean independence as soon as possible, he alleged.

The Iraqi delegate, Abdullah Bakr, said that the Western powers had fulfilled the promises made to the Libyans during the war. He added: "The peoples of Asia and Africa are waking up. Their wishes cannot continually be disregarded. They see their former conquerors returning and they cannot but feel disillusion and bitterness. No peace can be sustained for any length of time if these territories are to be regarded as prizes to be sought."

Dr. Wellington Koo of China urged direct UN trusteeship rule over the former colonies.

The United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, told the Soviet delegates: "This plan is not supporting imperialism under the name of colonialism or any other name. These charges are getting reckless."

"I do not pretend that the resolution approved by the committee corresponds fully with the views of the United States delegation. Nor does it represent a perfect solution. But it does contain elements of an answer which we urge upon the Assembly as the most practicable solution in the circumstances."—United Press.

WORKERS IN BOMBAY CLASH

Bombay, May 17.

Twelve were injured and taken to hospital today when some of the street sweepers who have been on strike for five days with other Bombay municipal workers clashed with two groups of non-striking sweepers.

Only 2,000 out of 9,000 strikers, who are asking for higher wages and shorter hours, returned to work on Sunday following a warning by the Municipality that they could be liable to dismissal if they did not do so.

Today the Municipal authorities claimed that 75 per cent of the conservancy work is being done by non-striking and newly recruited personnel.—Reuter.

Filipino Ship Delay

Sydney, May 18.

The departure of the Philippine-owned freighter Ngatoro is being delayed by union demands that Australian seamen should man it.

The Maritime Transport Union Council has ordered workers not to coal the ship.

The Ngatoro was recently bought by Madrigal and Company, Manila shipowners. The company sent 22 Filipinos here by plane on Sunday to man the ship.

Ten men on Monday refused to move the ship but later reversed their decision.—Associated Press.

ANGLO-U.S. TALKS ON FAR EAST

Washington, May 17.

The British Ambassador to the United States, Sir Oliver Franks, and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today discussed the Far Eastern and South Eastern situations.

Sir Oliver told reporters, after a 15-minute conference, that they dealt with matters that he wanted to consider before Mr. Acheson left for the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Council in Paris.

The conference itself and the question of a Pacific Pact were not discussed. Asked what aspects of the Far Eastern situation had been dealt with, he replied: "Only the facts, which everybody knows." He and Mr. Acheson had exchanged "only one sentence or so" on South Eastern Europe.—Reuter.

U.S. "JUST A BIG TALKER"

New York, May 18.

The President of the India League of America, J. J. Singh, said today that the United States is getting a reputation in Asia of being "just a big talker."

Participating in a radio and television forum on "Communist threat to Asia," Mr. Singh said: "Communism cannot be stopped by bullets or atom bombs but by better ideologies."

"Most of the peoples in Asia suffer poverty, disease and ill health."

"Any ideology and action that would tend to relieve this vast sea of human beings from their present misery and degradation will make headway."

"Therefore, if we are honest and sincere in our desire to halt the onward march of Communism in Asia, we must present the peoples of Asia with a constructive workable programme which will ensure better standards of living and greater opportunity to enjoy some of the good things of life."—United Press.

SARDINES FOR BRITAIN

London, May 17.

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, announced today that Britain is to buy 50,000 tons of sardines from French Morocco and 100,000,000 tins from Portugal.

As the contract amounts are delivered they will perceptibly increase sardine supplies in British shops from next autumn, he said.—Reuter.

Madrid Bitterness Over Vote In UN

Madrid, May 17.

The morning newspapers today splashed the United Nations resolution on Spain with headlines emphasising the rejection of the Polish proposal against Spain and minor attention to the rejection of the Latin-American resolution favourable to Spain.

The comments criticised the Israeli position saying the adverse vote on the Latin-American resolution was due to opposition from Israel, abstention of Haiti and absence of Cuba and Costa Rica.

The editorial bitterness was concentrated against Israel. One paper said: "Among the hostile votes, besides those of the Soviet bloc, was this line that of the State of Israel which in this manner expressed its appreciation for the solicitude by Spain through its Consular and diplomatic representatives during the last war to save the lives of Jews threatened with extermination. President Weizmann himself two years ago publicly praised the Spanish attitude adding 'thousands of Jews owe their lives to Spain'. But when Israel had an opportunity to reciprocate Spain's noble attitude, its vote was among those of our irreconcilable enemies."

Another paper, the "ABC," said Israel started her international career by voting against Spain since she could not realise her ambition of voting against England.

Meanwhile, the Latin American nations, including Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Colombia, who proposed the Latin American resolution on Spain, may make a joint declaration to the United Nations Secretariat that they consider that part of the 1944 UN resolution referring to Ambassadors to Spain null and void, according to reliable Latin American diplomatic sources.

The grounds for doing this would be that of the ample majority for the resolution in the Political Committee and the fact that the resolution obtained a majority in the Assembly, although lacking four votes for the necessary two-thirds majority while those voting against the resolution in the plenary session obtained only 15 out of a possible 59 votes.

Brazilian Move

However, this possibility depends on the consultations of the Latin American nations favourable to the resolution. These consultations with their governments will occur shortly.

The Brazilian Ambassador, Senhor Jono Carlos Muniz, who was the spearhead of the fight to get the Latin American resolution adopted, plans to go to Washington tonight to consult the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Senhor Fernandez. He may also consult President Dutra on the latter's arrival in Washington tomorrow. Consequently, it is expected that Senhor Fernandez may well take up the matter with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and it is not impossible that President Dutra may mention it to President Truman.

Strike In Margaret's Hotel

Florence, May 17.

Volunteer "blacklegs" are manning Florence's Grand Hotel, where Princess Margaret is staying, as the strike of its 100 porters, elevator operators, waiters and kitchen hands continues.

The hotel strike, which hit all Florence, affecting about 2,000 workers, is expected to last another day. The negotiations between the strikers, who are demanding a minimum wage of 20,000 lire (about £10) a month and the hotel owners, broke off this morning but are being renewed tonight.

Union representatives who entered the Grand Hotel to take the names of the "blackleg" volunteers were detained and taken to police headquarters. The Princess was out all day and saw nothing of the strike, except the lift operators and porters in the hotel, who were all in muff.

In the morning she visited San Marco monastery, and later lunch with Queen Helen of Rumania and the Duchess of Aosta in the Villa Sparta, near Plesio.

The Princess spent the afternoon in the Uffizi Gallery, where she decided that her favourite painters are Botticelli and Giotto.—Reuter.

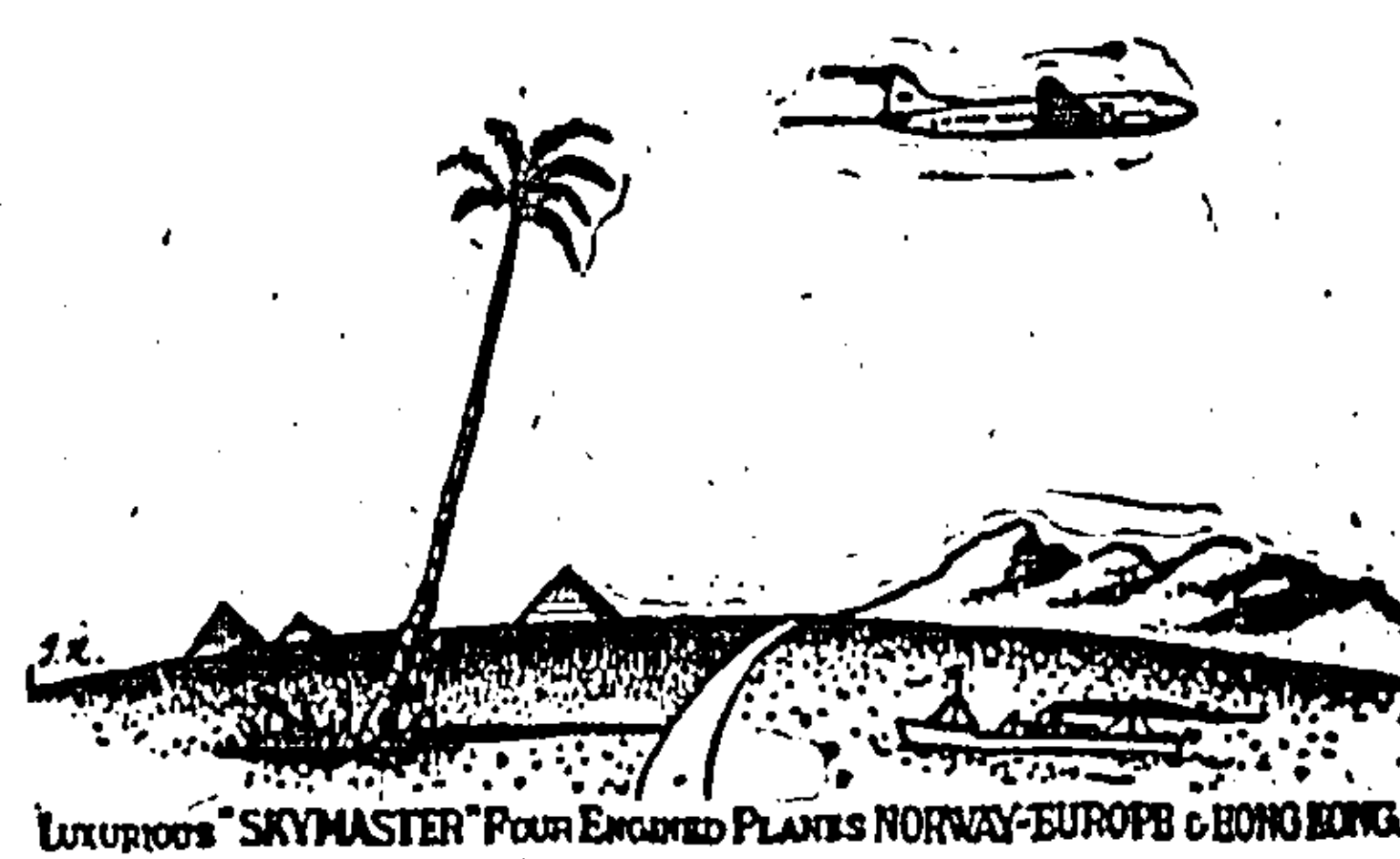
SEAMEN'S STRIKE

Amsterdam, May 17.

The Netherlands Seamen's Union and General Transport Union today announced full support for the Canadian seamen's strike against conditions on Canadian merchant ships.

The two unions called on Dutch seamen not to sign on with Canadian vessels and urged Dutch harbour workers not to load or discharge ships under the Canadian flag.—Reuter.

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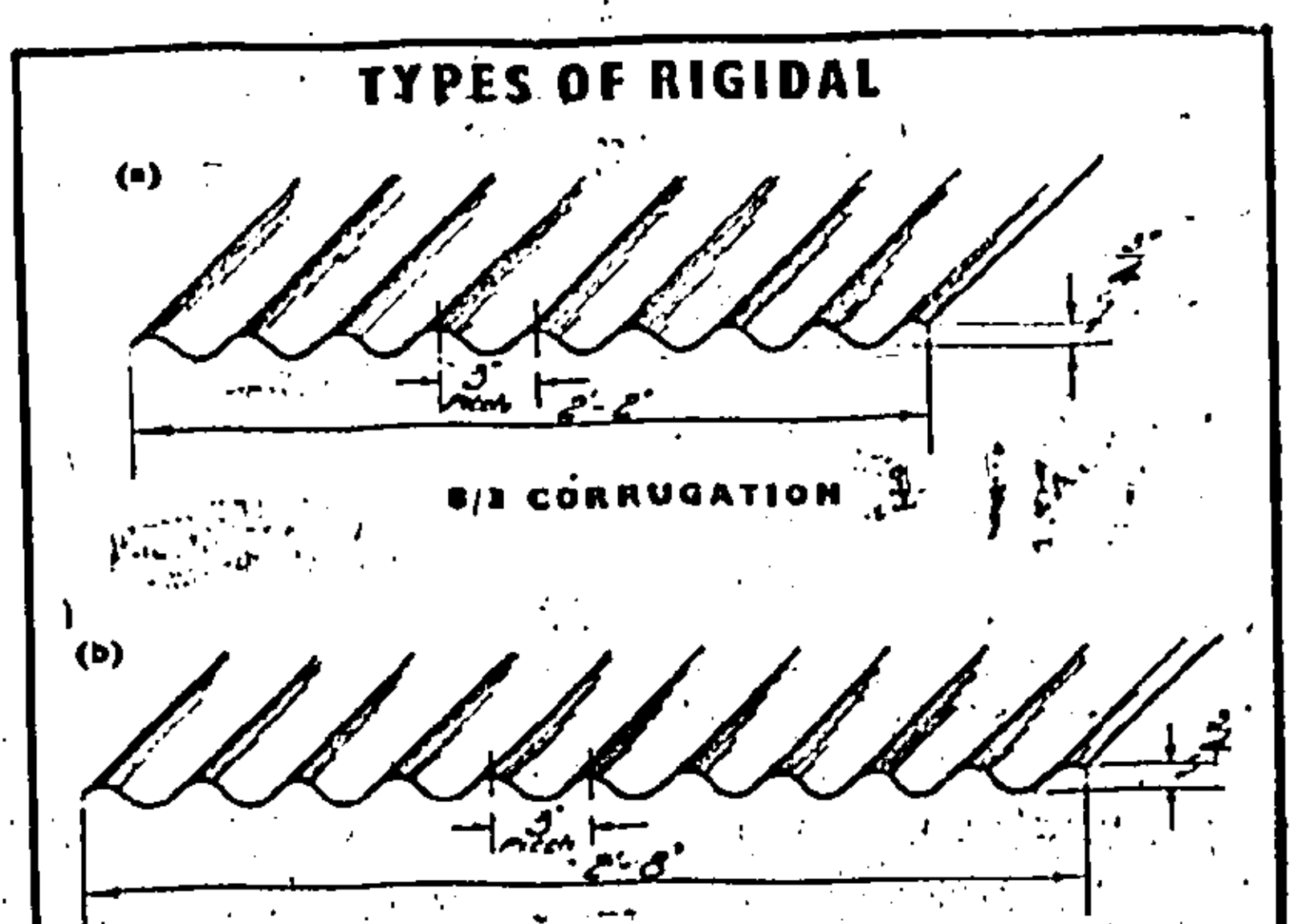
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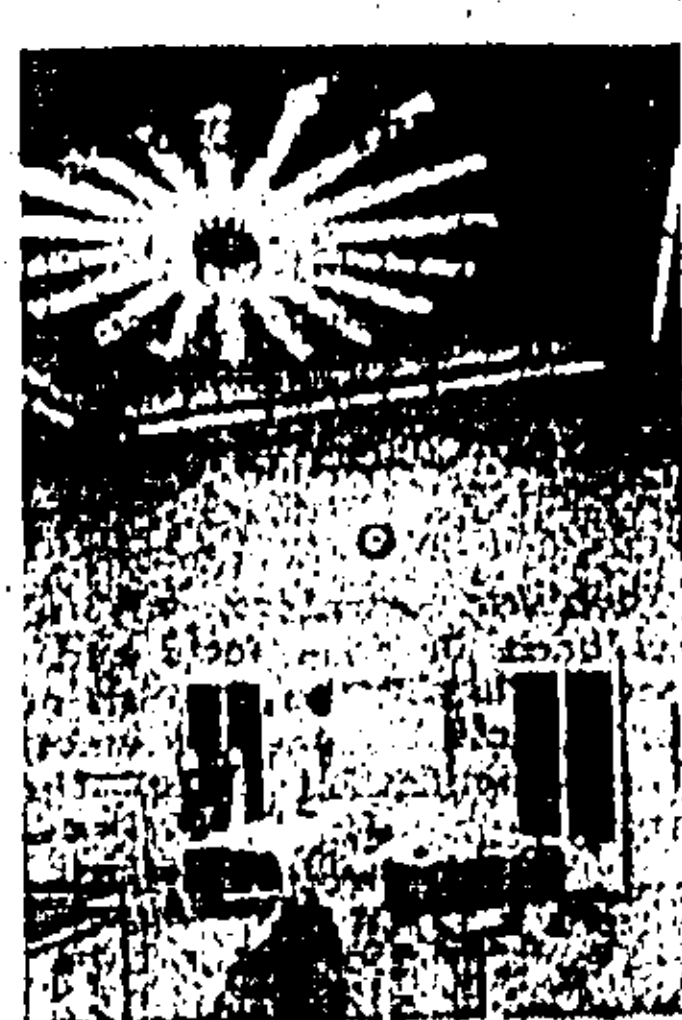
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HOSPITALS PRAISE TL LIGHT TUBES

Some time ago the two operating theatres of the St. Elisabeth Hospital in Leiden were provided with TL tubes for illumination. Great satisfaction has been expressed with the results, and by order of the Directors the Chief of the technical department of the hospital wrote to the Philips factory in Holland:

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"The lamps have all been fitted to the ceilings. The colour of the walls, which is dull white, is satisfactory and does not cause any hindrance to the eyes when ever, neither do the white sheets give any trouble."

To this can be added that the illumination of these operating theatres of 7 m x 7 m consists of 30 TL 40-W tubes, colour white, of which 18 have been mounted on the ceiling directly over the operating table in the form of a rosette.

The remaining 12 lamps serve as general illumination and have been mounted at a distance of about one metre in lines of three tubes along the walls of the theatre.

Judging from the letter quoted above, it is concluded that this illumination serves its purposes even better than the Panophos lamps.

New Steam Unit Burns Three Fuels

A new steam-generating unit which burns light oil, heavy oil or gas has just been developed by Orr & Sembower, Inc., and is being made available to the export trade.

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Machines For Printing

In its latest catalogue No. 24, the Tat Ming Engineering Works, 4 Jones St., Tai Hang, lists seven kinds of machines it is making for the printing trade.

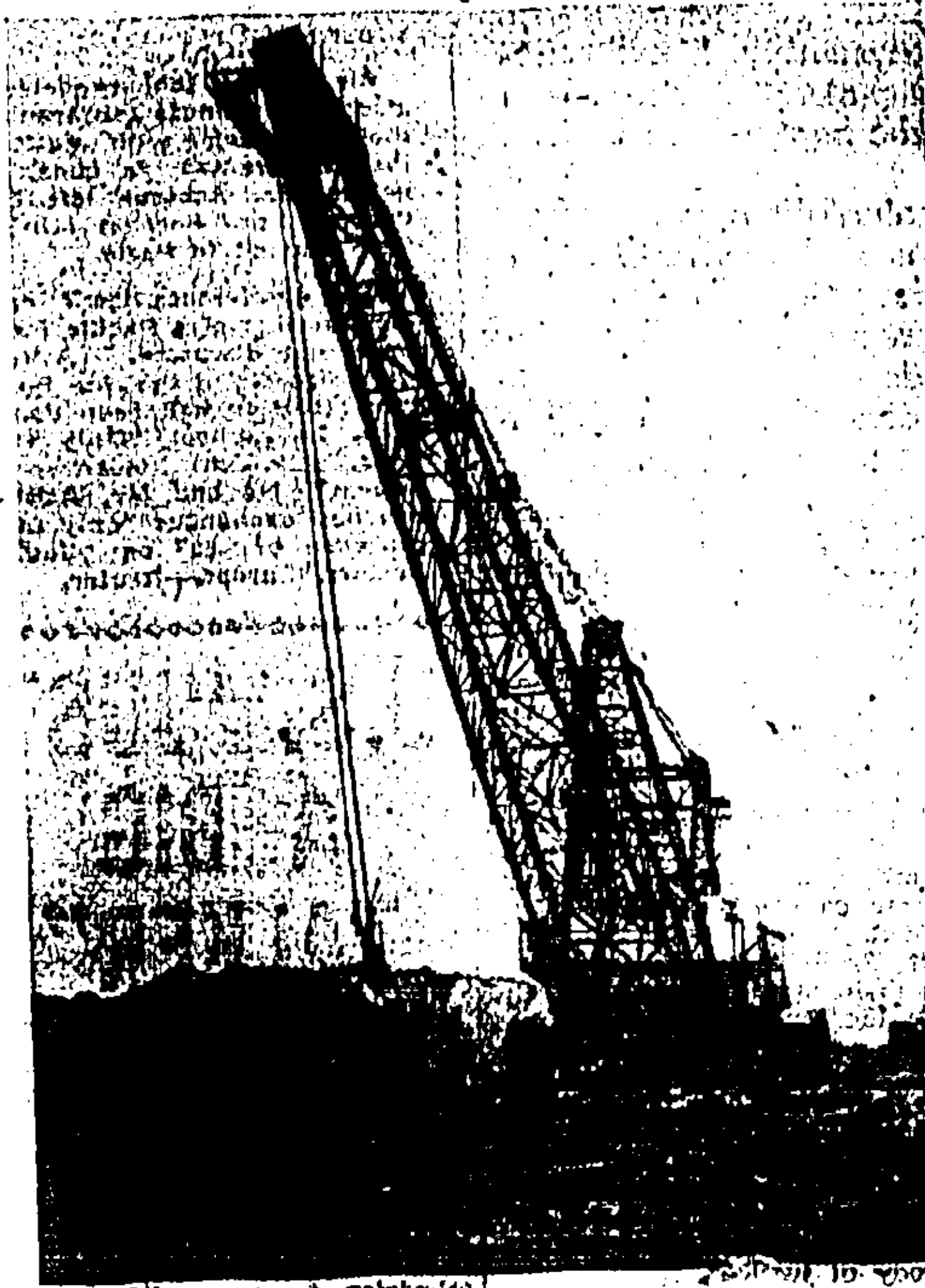
Topping the list is a mirror type Platen Press.

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The firm is also making an offset printing machine of the 25" X 37" variety, and two cylinder presses, one of the 18" X 25" type and the other, 28" X 38".

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Demand For Space Compels Change In Fair Lay-Out

So great has been the demand for space by intending exhibitors at the Scottish Industries Exhibition (September 1-17), which is being promoted by the Scottish Council (Development and Industry), that it has been necessary for the lay-out plans of the whole Exhibition to be re-cast.

Altogether, applications for space have been received from 70 towns in Scotland, including places as remote as Stornoway and the Shetland Islands.

In total, the demands for space exceeded the original plan by over 30 per cent and it was felt by the Exhibition authorities that to disappoint such a large body of industry would be a great hardship.

The proposition which the demand placed before the Space and Exhibits Committee was an extremely onerous one. It was felt by the officials of the Exhibition that, before any attempt was made to prune the demands, everything possible should be done to secure the widest possible representation of Scottish industry at the Exhibition.

The blueprint now shows that there will be 23 big open stands instead of the original 12. Another main avenue has been made, gangways have been improved, and altogether it is felt that the new plan will be a great improvement not only to the exhibitors but to the public as well.

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A "wounded" man, on a stretcher fixed to the side of a Blikorsky Hoverfly helicopter, seen after the aircraft's take-off in the Royal Air Force demonstration of casualty evacuation at Brigg Norton, Oxfordshire. The method of getting wounded from front-line positions was demonstrated together with the use of larger planes, such as the Handley-Page "Hastings", as fully-fledged flying ambulances. (AP Photo).

Victory Forecast In Greek War This Year

Athens, May 17.

The Greek Minister of War, M. Panayiotis Kanellopoulos, foresees a final victory over the guerrilla forces this year.

Speaking at Salonika in the course of his tour of Northern Greece, he said: "The whole of Greece will quickly be cleared of the guerrillas who are infesting the different areas. The Government will then concentrate on cleaning up the frontier regions."

He ruled out any idea of a compromise. "Negotiations are being conducted by force of arms," he declared. "By arms alone the Greek problem will be solved."

Greek Government troops inflicted about 500 casualties, including 192 killed, on the rebel forces throughout the country yesterday, according to today's Greek General Staff communiqué.

The guerrilla brigades are being driven from their strong positions in the Arachthos Heights in Central Greece.

The communiqué added that the rebel High Command in Central Greece, said to be commanded by Constantinos Kiriakopoulos, former editor of the Communist newspaper "Itizopastis," has been broken up.

Greek Government troops, supported by tanks counter-attacking in the Mount Vitsi area West of Florina, near where the Greek, Albanian and Yugoslav frontiers meet, killed 61 rebels, captured 129, and occupied a height, the communiqué added.

Among the rebels who surrendered after a two-day fight in the Lake Mezeiros region, 10 are suffering from typhoid.

The United Nations Balkans Commission, presided over by the chief British delegate, Sir Horace Seymour, met today to hear a report from M. Constantin Georgopoulos, President of the Greek Red Cross, on the refugee situation in Greece.

The report, which was quoted by the Athens news agency, said that 700,000 refugees are now in Greece, 232,000 in Macedonia alone. Winter had undermined their health and the threat of typhus is greater than ever.

M. Georgopoulos said that the present amount of relief is insufficient and urged the Commission to intercede with the United Nations on behalf of the refugees.

M. G. Leel, social welfare representative of the United Nations in Greece, said that it is impossible for the Greek Government to shoulder such a heavy task as the care of the refugees. —Reuter.

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British Television Record

Dar Es Salaam, May 17.

A British Broadcasting Corporation television programme has been received in Dar Es Salaam. For two short periods on Sunday evening, a television programme of the Berlin airlift broadcast from London was received on a local set.

It is thought to be the first time a London television broadcast has been received in Tanganyika and probably in the whole of East and Central Africa. The normal range of BBC television transmission is about 50 miles.

The programmes are at present broadcast only from London, but will be available throughout Britain shortly, when a series of regional transmitters have been established.

Some British television scenes put over before the war were seen in New York.—Reuter.

HITLER ADC SENTENCED

Nuremberg, May 17.

The Nuremberg de-Nazification Court today classified S.S. General Julius Schaub, Hitler's personal Aide-de-Camp, as a "Nazi activist," according to the German News Agency Dena.

He was sentenced to four years' in a labour camp and the confiscation of 25 per cent of his property. He has already served his labour camp sentence as the Court took into account the length of his imprisonment pending the trial.

He was charged with having known of the ill-treatment and killing of Jews in concentration camps.

Schaub took part in the Hitler Putsch of 1923.—Reuter.

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GENERAL CLAY ON GERMANY'S FUTURE

Washington, May 17.

General Lucius Clay, former U.S. Military Governor in Germany, does not believe there will ever be an agreement between the German Social Democratic Party and the Russians.

General Clay does not think Russia will risk the unfavourable public reaction from the remainder of the world that would follow if the Berlin blockade is put on again.

Fear of war in Western Europe is much less acute than two years ago, he said. The danger was lessened sharply by the United States' action in keeping its occupation troops in Germany and by the Berlin airlift, European recovery programme and North Atlantic Pact, he added.

The Russians are much more concerned about public opinion than Americans here seem to believe, he stated.

General Clay acknowledged that there had been a meeting between the German Communists and the Social Democrats of the Western Zones, but he said the Reds had failed in their attempt to discourage the formation of a Western German government.

This was made clear by the action of the Bonn constitutional convention.

General Clay stated that he would be very worried if the United States' occupation troops were withdrawn from Germany at present. Troops must remain there until a stable Europe has been achieved. It was not necessary for them to remain in the same numbers and at the same places as at present, but their continued presence is basic to the accomplishment of the United States' objectives there.

Return To The European Family

If an alliance of Germany with the Soviet Union should ever occur, he added, it would be because the Western powers were unwilling to accept Germany back in the community of nations.

That acceptance should not necessarily be immediate, but General Clay emphasised that the Germans must ultimately be allowed to work their way back into the society of nations, whether as a unified country or as Western Germany alone.

The Western world might be more willing to accept Western Germany by herself than a United Germany of 65,000,000 people.

General Clay said Russia has organised a German police force

PILGRIMS SEE THE PONTIFF

Vatican City, May 17.

The Pope today received about 6,000 pilgrims who came to Rome for last Sunday's canonisation of the Blessed Jeanne de Lestonnac, founder of the Jesuites, a women's congregation in the 17th Century.

The Pope told the pilgrims, who came mainly from France, that the new Saint had faced a division of society and family by the advent of "Calvinist heresy." The Church is again facing a fight against heresy, he added, apparently referring to Communism.

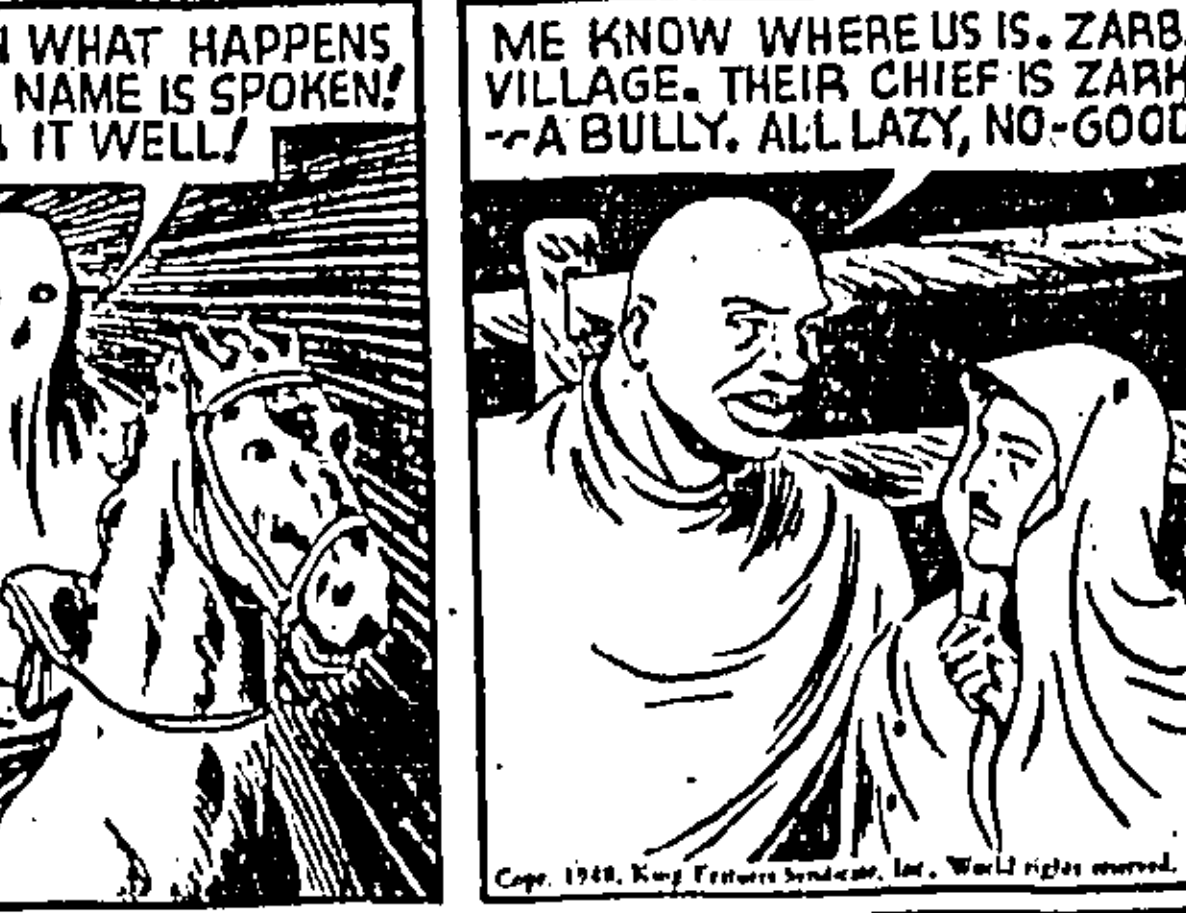
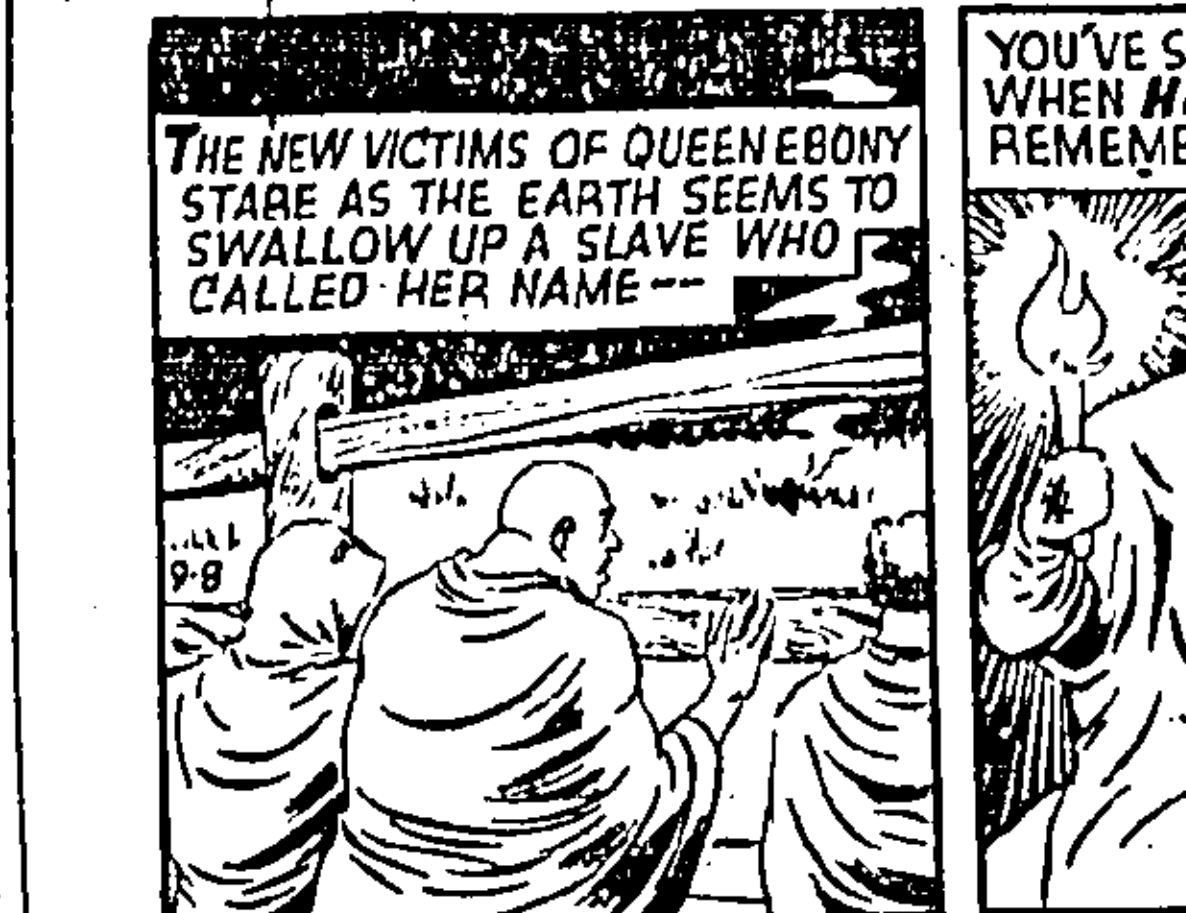
Several bishops, including those of Bordeaux—St. Jeanne's birthplace—and of Barcelona, were present. After the audience, the pilgrims presented the Pope with a relic of the new Saint. St. Jeanne was a niece of the writer Montaigne.—Reuter.

of between 100,000 and 200,000 in Eastern Germany. The force appears to be lessening its allegiance to the Russians because of the fear that the German people might retaliate against them.—United Press.

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SHANGHAI KEEPING CALM, SAYS PILOT

HONG KONG POLITICAL BODIES TO BE BANNED

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"It will suffice for me to emphasize that on this Bill becoming law, local societies now in the Colony which are affiliated or connected with any political organization or group outside the Colony shall be refused registration and thus become unlawful with the consequence that management or membership of any such society will constitute offences punishable under the law.

"This provision, as will be appreciated, reflects the experience of the present day world where in more than one country it has been found that peace and order has been violated or endangered through the activities of organizations of a political nature which are not domestic in character and origin and are outposts for foreign political manoeuvre and interference.

"However, Your Excellency has authorized me to say that it is your intention upon the Bill being enacted to appoint the Commissioner of Police and selected officers of his Department to be respectively Registrar and Assistant Registrars of Societies, since it is consistent and also necessary from the point of view of practical administration that legislation which is required to deal with security should be operated by the Commissioner of Police and the Police Department, on whom a primary and heavy responsibility for security is laid. It is to be noted however, that by clause 5 (7) of the Bill that a right of appeal is given to the Governor in Council against decision of the Registrar.

Duration Clause

"Finally, I invite the attention of Honourable Members to clause 27 of the Bill which provides a duration clause. The clause will have the effect of limiting the operation of this Ordinance until December 31, 1950. But the clause provides that this Council may from time to time by resolution extend the operation of the Ordinance beyond that date for periods of one year at a time if for reasons of security or other good reason the perpetuation of the Ordinance is regarded by this Council to be necessary."

The motion, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. G. C. K. Hawkins, was carried unanimously.

The terms society includes any association of 10 or more than 10 persons whatever its nature or associations. Companies registered under Ordinances of the Colony, or constituted under Royal Charter, Royal Letters Patent or any Imperial Act, any Lodge of Freemasons and any legally registered trade union are excluded.

The term also excludes any company or association or partnership of more than 20 persons, formed solely for carrying out any lawful business.

Societies will have to supply the Registrar of Societies with copies of their constitutions and rules, a complete list of office bearers and members, and a complete return of the number of meetings held, if requested to do so.

Persons responsible for the management or assistance in the management of any unlawful society will be liable to a maximum fine of HK\$3,000 or a maximum three years imprisonment. Members of unlawful societies will be liable to a maximum fine of HK\$1,000 or a maximum sentence of one year.

Persons permitting the holding on their premises of meetings by unlawful societies will be liable to a maximum fine of HK\$1,000 or a maximum sentence of one year's imprisonment. The Kuomintang is the largest Chinese society in Hong Kong. A full list of its members is available to the public.

While large areas around the East of Pootung and South West of Lungwa are in flames as the Communists move over closer in the crucial stage of the battle of Shanghai, the heart of the Red threatened metropolis is still calm, a pilot from a CATC plane, which arrived late yesterday afternoon, told the "China Mail".

No pilots are allowed in town in between flights and must remain in billets on the landing field. Only those with urgent business are permitted to go into the city for a few hours during daylight and must return to the field before sunset.

In every crossroad in Shanghai proper, sandbags are piled high with machine guns guarding every entrance. "The calm in the city itself is remarkable," said the pilot. "Trams and buses run with undisturbed regularity, carrying loads of passengers about their business."

He said that the people in Shanghai are indifferent as to the ultimate end of the city. "They wish only to preserve their business and usual ways of life and have no interest in the war where the Communists and Nationalists are concerned," he said. "Many, however, express the wish that the shooting will soon pass over."

Based in Taiwan

The NAF is now wholly established in Taiwan which is two hours flying time from the mainland. The Chinese Air Force shuttles to and from this base daily in its support of ground forces at present engaging the Communists in the Shanghai area, zooming over the city on their way.

Asked if there were still some commercial planes standing by in Shanghai, the CATC pilot replied that orders from the Nationalist HQ on Tuesday required the Central Air Transport Corporation and the China National Aviation Corporation—the only two companies now left serving to and from Shanghai—to have two planes each standing by until the final hour.

Twelve CATC planes left Hong Kong late on Tuesday, some of which have returned to the Colony. Others are flying between Canton and Shanghai.

Planes over Lungwa Airfield were ordered by the Nationalists to keep above 5,000 feet when in flight over the city. "Our ship has not been fired upon," the pilot told the "China Mail". They did, however, receive warnings on Tuesday night to keep the authorities informed of their planes taking to the air. "They said that they would shoot at any other plane not identified as either CATC or CNAC," he said.

This news links with the statement made by one of the Portuguese aviators who were airlifted to Hong Kong via Canton yesterday, who told the "China Mail" that their plane was shot at on two occasions just before they flew out of the city.

Asked how long he thought Shanghai could hold out, the pilot shrugged, thought for a while, then said: "A new batch of soldiers have arrived from Formosa. They look tough as compared to the ones we have been seeing in Shanghai. Each of them are well built, look strong and carry new weapons. Most of these soldiers are armed with sub machine guns."

Hold For Month "If the Nationalists really intend to fight it out, I think they should be able to hold Shanghai for a month and even more. But if they don't, then it will be but a matter of a couple of days," he said.

The pilot is staying for the night in Hong Kong and may be flying to Canton on his next trip. Asked what he thought about returning to Shanghai, he replied: "I may be yet, very soon. It depends on the news. I won't mind at all going back. I have my whole family there."

Terrorism In Saigon

Paris, May 18.

A fresh wave of terrorism in Saigon, linked by the French authorities with the birthday tomorrow of Dr. Ho Chi Minh, President of the Vietminh, caused damage and some casualties last night. Two fires in Saigon's river harbour destroyed a number of houses.

Two Frenchmen were slightly injured when three grenades were thrown in another part of the city. Three detonators were thrown in another part of the city. The three detonators, of the "Molotov Cocktail" type, exploded harmlessly.—Reuter.

Shanghai Menaced By Pootung Moves

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A Central News Agency report that the Reds are only 31 miles from Foochow puts the threat closer than the Communist radio did last night. The Peking broadcast said the Reds had taken Nanping, 87 miles North West of the Fukien port.

Sanborne Nationalist reinforcements have been landed at Foochow, Central News said. (Any such troops probably would come from nearby Taiwan). However two Shanghai newspapers report formation of a "self protection corps" in Fudien Province headed by Admiral Sa Chen-ping.

From Central China, Central News reports that public utilities and dykes around Hankow were left intact by the retreating Nationalists and there were no demolitions.

The Communists walked into Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang yesterday. All are clustered along the Yangtze 600 miles West of Shanghai and the same distance North of Canton on the main line railway.

The Red radio said last night that the Reds are moving swiftly South from the Hankow area. This indicated that Red General Lin Piao has set in motion his long-expected drive toward Changsha and Canton.

However, in Canton it is stated that there are no reports of large-scale fighting on any front, and it is the consensus that because of the rough mountainous country and lack of good roads between the Nationalist and Communist armies in this whole area North of Canton it will take the Communists at least two months even without major opposition to threaten Canton.

The Reds are now known to be having supply trouble, and the armies under one-eyed General Liu Po-chen are also known to have little or no field equipment.—Reuter. Associated Press and United Press.

"HOME WEDDING" FOR RITA

Cannes, May 18.

Prince Aly Khan said today that his marriage next week to Miss Rita Hayworth will be a simple home wedding with probably no more than 40 close friends present although they have invited from 80 to 100.

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